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UNITED STATES CUSTOM-HOUSE AND POST-OFFICE, ST. LOUIS, MO., Office of Superintendent, Nov. 18, 1874.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Superintendent until 12 m. of the 15th day of December, 1874, for furnishing, delivering, fitting, and putting in place the Wrought and Cast-Iron Work, comprising the Rolled-iron Beams of Basement and First Floors, and the Cast-iron Columns, &c., of Basement, all as exhibited on the Drawings, described in the Specifications, and called for in the Schedule.

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All bids must be accompanied by a penal bond, of two responsible persons, in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars ($25,000), that the bidder will accept and perform the contract if awarded him, the sufficiency of the security to be certified by the United States Judge, Clerk of the United States Court, or the District Attorney of the District wherein the bidder resides.

The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids, if it be deemed for the good of the Government to do so. Every bid must be made on the printed form, to be obtained at this office, and must conform in every respect to the requirements of this advertisement, or it will not be considered.

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Proposals will be inclosed in a sealed envelope, indorsed "Bids for Wrought and Cast-Iron Work for the United States Custom-House and Post-Office, St. Louis, Mo.," and addressed to THOMAS WALSH, Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF THE LIGHT-HOUSE BOARD, WASHINGTON, Nov. 24, 1874.

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D. A. GAGE.

Proceedings of the Second Day of the Trial.

The Testimony for the Prosecution All In.

Examination of Dan O'Hara Resumed and Concluded.

Questions Relative to His Receiving Interest Ruled Out.

Messrs. Sherwood, Bond, Olcott, Burley, and Bridgman Examined.

The Former Two Relate Their Conversations with Mr. Gage.

His Confident Expectation that He Would Replace Every Dollar.

Opening Speech for the Defense by Mr. Swett.

M. F. Tuley the First Witness Called by Them.

Attempt to Prove an Agreement Between the City and Gage Relative to Deposits.

Long Argument Concerning the Power of the Finance Committee.

The Court Rules the Matter Out of Order.

Exchange of Courtesies Between Messrs. Dexter and Smith.

Witnesses for Defense.

MORNING SESSION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ALLEGED DEFECT IN THE INDICTMENT.

WAUKEGAN, Dec. 1.—The trial of David A. Gage, ex-City Treasurer of Chicago, under an indictment for "failing to pay over" $568,000 to Daniel O'Hara, his successor, was resumed in the Criminal Court this morning. Upon the opening of the Court at 9 o'clock, there were not over a dozen persons present in addition to the counsel; but during the session others came in, but the attendance was not at any time larger than Monday. The curious have seen Mr. Gage, and they are apparently as indifferent regarding the result as Mr. Gage himself appears to be. The point made yesterday, that the defendant was indicted three days after demand was made for the deficiency, when the law required a lapse of ten days, is considered fatal to the case, and lawyers here say that the Supreme Court will reverse a verdict of guilty upon that ground alone. Among the new arrivals from Chicago are George W. Gage, ex-Ald. McAvoy, ex-Ald. Cox, ex-Corporation-Counsel Tuley, J. C. Hilton, George Taylor, Henry Greenebaum, and C. R. Field. Some of these are supposed to be witnesses for the defense.

DAN O'HARA.

The examination of City-Treasurer O'Hara was continued, and he testified as follows:

Q.—What amount of money, if any, did Mr. Gage pay over to you at the time you took possession of the office. A.—Four hundred and fifty-eight thousand seventy-seven dollars and twenty-three cents.

The Court—That was the whole amount paid over?

Mr. Reed—No; at the time he took possession, on the 16th day of December, 1873.

Q.—You spoke yesterday of there being $25,000 paid in since; when was that paid in, as near as you can tell? A.—It was paid in in the course of last summer.

Q.—This last summer,—since this indictment? A.—It was paid at two entries.

Q.—Since this indictment? A.—Yes, sir.

Cross-examination by Mr. Dexter: Q.—Mr. O'Hara, this $458,077.23 that Mr. Gage, you say, turned over to you, how was it turned over—by transfer of a bank account to you? A.—I believe that I went to the different banks in which this money was deposited, and had it deposited in my name.

Q.—That is, there was a transfer of a credit from your predecessor to yourself? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—No actual money came into your hands, I sup. pose, any further than that? A.—Well, there were moneys in the safe.

Q.—That was $6,667.54, was it not? A.—I forget the amount.

Q.—It was about that amount? A.—Probably.

Q.—That was all the actual money that came into your hands; the rest of it was bank credits as you have described. If I should enumerate, could you state where these bank credits were? A.—I have not there $199,409.68 in the Union National? A.—I believe there was.

Q.—Wasn't there $31,000 in the Commercial National? A.—Yes, sir; I believe there was.

Q.—Was not there $80,000 in the Third National? A.—Well, nearly; speaking from memory; possibly.

Q.—Yes, sir; I have got the amount correct. I believe I am not mistaken that about $75,000 were in the Cook County National; was there not—at Allen's? A.—No; there was about $50,000 there, I think; I am not sure how much.

Q.—There was $75,000, and there was about $50,000 in the Fourth National? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And about $10,000 in the Union Stock-Yards Bank? A.—There was a deposit there. I forget the exact amount.

Q.—And about $10,000 in the Hibernian Bank, was there not? A.—Yes, I believe there was.

Q.—And a credit of $35,000 in the State Savings Bank? A.—I am speaking from memory; I believe the figures are correct.

Q.—And about $20,000 credit in the Mechanics' Bank? A.—There may have been.

Q.—That was one of the banks, was it not? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—And about $10,000 in the German National, and $6,667.54 currency; and these items make up the $458,077.23? Who was the President of the German National Bank? Do you recollect? A.—I think it was Henry Greenebaum.

Q.—Now, these accounts you took that Mr. Gage turned over to you, that I have enumerated? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You rejected all others, did you not? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Please state if you know how the $25,000 that you have spoken of was paid by him. [Objected to by Mr. Reed on the ground that it was paid since the indictment was found.]

Mr. Dexter—They proved the fact.

Mr. Reed desired it to be stricken from the record.

TRIAL-BALANCE BOOK.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dexter: Q.—Mr. O'Hara, do you keep a trial-balance book in the office of the City Treasurer? A.—I do not know the entire list of books and records we do keep in the office.

Q.—Well, I hold some papers in my hand; I will read them for the purpose of refreshing your recollection.

"CHICAGO, Nov. 28, 1874.

"I hereby certify that the foregoing thirty-nine pages are a full and perfect copy of a certain book in my office, known and described as the Treasurer's Monthly Trial-Balance Book.

"S. S. HAYES,

"Comptroller of the City of Chicago."

Is there such a book as Mr. Hayes describes? A.—I suppose there is, sir.

Q.—I want you to look at page 38 of this trial-balance book and state if it shows a balance in your hands Dec. 31, 1873.

The Court—When did Mr. Gage's time go out.

Mr. Reed—On the 16th of December, 1873. That is the time Mr. O'Hara swore he took possession of the office.

A.—This alleges to be a trial-balance from the 17th of December, 1873.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—Does that show the balance in your hands? A.—I have no doubt it does.

Q.—Now that shows a balance of $301,159.51?

Mr. Reed—Was that Dec. 30?

Mr. Dexter—Yes, sir.

Mr. Reed—I object to that; that is after this offense. This offense, if it ever was committed, was committed on the 16th of December.

After considerable discussion it was decided to admit the testimony, subject to exception by the prosecution as to its competency.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—Mr. O'Hara, will you state whether that showed a balance at that time; just look at the balance and tell me what it was. Was it not a balance of $301,159.51? A.—Three hundred and one thousand one hundred and fifty-nine dollars and fifty-one cents; yes, sir.

Mr. Reed—What is the date of that?

Mr. Dexter—Dec. 17, on page 38.

The Court—That is the day after he departed.

THE COURTESIES BEGIN.

Mr. Reed—No; that is from——

Mr. Dexter—Just keep still; I will not violate any law——

Mr. Reed—Who knows you will not?

Mr. Dexter—Well, you do not, because you do not know the law.

Mr. Reed—Thank you; I am much obliged for the compliment.

WHICH FUND?

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—Now, Mr. O'Hara, what was the the balance on page 27? A.—$965,768.81.

Q.—Can you state to what fund the balance of $965,768.81 belonged? A.—It belongs to the City Treasury of Chicago—to the aggregate fund.

Q.—The aggregate of all these funds? A.—Yes sir. I suppose so.

Q.—But it did not belong to any one fund? A.—It belonged to the general aggregate public fund.

Q.—Now, does it not represent the aggregate of twenty-eight different funds, less the amount which had been loaned by these twenty-eight different funds to other funds, which were short,—that is the way it is made up, is it not? A.—Yes, sir; that is the indication.

Q.—This [indicating] I understand to be a debt column, and that a credit column. A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Now, those were credits, and the aggregate, of course, would be the aggregate of twenty-eight funds, less the amount which had been loaned of those twenty-eight different funds to other funds which were short; that is the way, is it not so? A.—I take it for granted that it is so, sir.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

Q.—Mr. O'Hara, since you come into office have you received interest personally on the funds of the City of Chicago?

[Objected to on the ground of incompetency.]

Mr. Swett—The provisions of the Charter of the City of Chicago are that the Common Council shall have unlimited control of the finances and property of every kind, real, personal, and mixed, belonging to the city, except so far as that control is limited by the City Charter. It then provides that the Common Council may direct its Treasurer where to place the public funds, which funds, when the officer is there directed, shall be kept separate and intact from his own moneys and anybody else's, and he shall neither loan nor use it. That is a part of the charter of 1863. In 1869, there is an amendment which provides that the Common Council may direct the Treasurer where to place the money at interest, and may demand a bond from the party who receives it at interest. One of the ways of construing an act is, how the parties having it in charge have, for a series of years, construed it.

We want to know

HOW THE CITY OF CHICAGO HAS CONSTRUED THIS ACT,

both before Mr. Gage went into office and since. Has the construction been that the Treasurer must keep the moneys in kind—lock them up? Has the construction been that he may loan those moneys to the banks, or loan them elsewhere? We want to prove that there never has been a Treasury, there has never been a place in the city of Chicago, where the moneys could be kept; but that the invariable and universal custom of the city has been to loan its money. We want to prove that the City of Chicago, never since it was a city, had a place where its moneys had been kept; that from its inception down to the time David A. Gage went into office every dollar of the money, by custom and knowledge of the parties in power, was loaned; that Mr. Gage continued the same custom throughout his term, and that when this gentleman (Mr. O'Hara) went into office, he adopted the same. May we not ask this gentleman what he does with the city money? May we not prove that Mr. O'Hara, when he commenced his duty, loaned it the first day of his office, and that it has been in loan up to the present minute, and is in loan now? We want to show by this officer that if the banks of Chicago to-day were to break that he would be in

EXACTLY THE SAME CONDITION

that Mr. Gage was, and unable to pay over a dollar. We are trying a man for not paying over, under laws which permit excuses; may we not show that it was not Mr. Gage's fault that he had the money in bank, but that the city never provided a place; that the Treasurer must put it somewhere, and that the banks are as safe a place as anywhere to put it?

NOT IN ORDER.

The Court—I do not think it is competent. If we were to embark in that it would amount to an examination into the financial history of the City of Chicago, and there would be no logical place to stop short of that limit. The bare statement seems to me to be quite sufficient to show the impracticability of the proposition. Aside from that illustration of its incompetency, can it be said that one person can excuse a wrong he has done by showing that fifty others committed the same or a greater wrong? If this law prohibits these officers from doing these things, and they have done them, why, they have done them at their peril, and if they have escaped the consequences provided by the law for the unlawful act, it is through good fortune, and it is in no way to be said that it shall constitute a defense to any one of these parties, when arraigned for these frequent violations, that his predecessors and successors had alike been guilty of violations of the plain law of the land.

If you propose to show the city charter directed this use of the funds, and by the law he had the right to do so, I will hear that; but this question we are passing on now does not involve that difficulty. It is this: "Are you receiving interest upon the public funds now?" I do not think, therefore, it is competent to show whether Mr. O'Hara has or has not received interest since he has been Treasurer.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—I will repeat the question: Do you, Mr. O'Hara, at the present time receive interest on city money?

[The question was objected to. The objection was sustained and exception was taken.]

Q.—Has the Comptroller of the City of Chicago during your time at any time demanded of you to pay over the interest thus received by you on city money?

[Objected to; exception taken.]

Q.—Is there any, or has there been, during your administration, any particular place of deposit for the city funds, separate and apart from general deposits, in banks or such other places, as you may have selected?

[Objected to; objection sustained; exception taken.]

Q.—Have the Common Council designated to you, or have the city authorities any banks in which you should keep the city deposits?

[Objected to; objection sustained; exception taken.]

Redirect examination—By Mr. Reed: Q.—You were asked by Mr. Dexter whether, when Mr. Gage turned over this office to you, and this account, there were certain amounts in the banks and you received them. Did he give you checks on the different banks, and you transfer the account? A.—No, I refused to accept of any checks, if I remember rightly.

Q.—How did you get hold of it? A.—I think he made the transfer himself in my name.

Q.—In the bank? A.—Yes, sir; I think I refused some checks.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—You refer to the account that stood in the banks to his name as City Treasurer? A.—Yes, sir.

EDWARD OLCOTT.

Edward Olcott was called on behalf of the people, and testified as follows:

Direct examination—By Mr. Reed: Q.—Where do you reside? A.—In Chicago.

Q.—Do you know the defendant, David A. Gage? A.—I do.

Q.—How long have you known him? A.—About thirty years.

Q.—Were you in his employ while he was City Treasurer of the City of Chicago? A.—I was.

Q.—When did you commence to work for him? A.—In December, 1872.

Q.—For how long were you in his employ? A.—For about a year, from December, 1872, to the 16th of December, 1873.

Q.—To the December when he vacated the office? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—In what capacity were you in his employ? A.—As his cashier and accountant.

Q.—Will you look at that paper; do you recognize it? [Handing witness statement of David A. Gage as City Treasurer, dated Dec. 1, 1873.] A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is that correct? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You know that is correct? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Look at that also, Mr. Olcott. Do you recognize that? [Handing witness statement of David A. Gage as City Treasurer, dated Dec. 16, 1873.] A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—I see that is signed David A. Gage by Edward Olcott; is that you? A.—Yes, sir, it is my signature.

Q.—Is that correct? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—That is not your handwriting, is it, Mr. Olcott? A.—It is not my handwriting.

The cross-examination was waived.

E. H. HILTON.

E. H. Hilton was called on behalf of the people, and testified as follows:

Direct examination—By Mr. Reed: Q.—Do you know the defendant, David A. Gage? A.—I do, sir.

Q.—How long have you known him? A.—For the last eleven years.

Q.—Were you ever in his employ? A.—I was, sir.

Q.—Where? A.—I was in his employ the first four years when he was City Treasurer.

Q.—In what position were you employed? A.—I kept the warrant books.

Q.—Were you in his employment in December of last year? A.—I was, sir.

Q.—What position did you occupy there? A.—I was bookkeeper. I kept the cash book.

Q.—Will you look at these two papers and state who filled them up; whose the handwriting is? [Handing witness statements of the City Treasurer dated Dec. 1 and Dec. 16, 1873.] A.—They are in my handwriting.

Q.—Both of them? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Are they correct? A.—They are correct, sir.

The cross-examination was waived.

FRANCIS M. BARRETT.

Francis M. Barrett was called on behalf of the people, and testified as follows:

Direct examination—By Mr. Reed: Q.—Where do you live? A.—In Chicago.

Q.—What is your business? A.—Second clerk in the City Comptroller's office.

Q.—How long have you been in that employment? A.—Over twelve years.

Q.—Do you know the defendant, David A. Gage? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—On the 6th of December, last year, 1873, did you hold any position besides that? A.—Yes; Notary Public.

Q.—Will you look at that, and see if you recognize that signature? [Handing to witness statement of David A. Gage, dated Dec. 1, 1873, with the affidavit of Mr. Gage attached, dated Dec. 6.] A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—State whether you administered that oath as Notary Public. A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is that your signature and your seal? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You say you administered that oath to Mr. Gage? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Where? A.—In the Comptroller's office.

Q.—Did you receive that statement from any person? A.—I received it from the bookkeeper in the Comptroller's office.

Q.—Who was that? A.—Mr. Bridgman.

Q.—Where did Mr. Gage sign that? A.—He came into the office and signed it at my desk.

Q.—Was that paper regularly on file in the City Comptroller's office? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did you bring it with you? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Is the date of the filing correct? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did you ever see that before, sir? [Handing witness statement of David A. Gage, dated Dec. 16, 1873.] A.—Yes, sir, I saw it in the office.

Q.—It was put on file by whom? A.—It was left by Mr. Olcott.

Q.—The gentleman who was on the witness stand here? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—About what time? A.—About the 16th, I think, of December.

Q.—Of last year? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—State whether or not you knew Mr. Gage while he was City Treasurer. A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—How long did he act as City Treasurer of the City of Chicago? A.—He acted two years under Sherman's Administration, and he acted two years under Mayor Mason, and two years under Mayor Medill.

Q.—Was Mayor Medill the last one? A.—Yes, sir.

Mr. Smith—Give the dates of this last period, about when he entered and when he went out.

Mr. Reed—As near as you can, for the last four years; the date is not very necessary. A.—I think it was in 1869, sir.

Q.—1869 to December, 1873? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Who became his successor? A.—Mr. O'Hara.

Q.—Is he now City Treasurer of the City of Chicago? A.—Yes, sir.

The cross-examination was waived.

EDWARD ALCOTT

was recalled.

By Mr. Campbell—Q.—As to this statement of Dec. 1, 1873, I wish you would state whether or not that is the aggregate amount taken from the book, "Cash A?" A.—Yes, sir; it is the aggregate made up from the receipts on this book; the debts are not on this book, except this last item.

Q.—And this statement marked Dec. 16, 1873, purporting to be the balance on that date. State whether or not that was made up from the items in this book between the dates from Dec. 1 to Dec. 16. A.—Yes, sir.

E. H. HILTON.

was recalled.

By Mr. Reed: Q.—Who is the present Comptroller of the City of Chicago? A.—S. S. Hayes.

Q.—How long has he been such, as near as you can tell,—I don't care particularly about the day; did he succeed Mr. Burley? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—When? A.—I don't know.

Q.—Was he City Comptroller Dec. 16, 1873, when that statement was made? A.—I think he was, sir.

A. H. BURLEY

was called on behalf of the people, and testified as follows:

Direct examination—By Mr. Reed: Q.—Do you know the defendant, David A. Gage? A.—I do.

Q.—How long have you known him? A.—A dozen years perhaps.

Q.—Do you know that he was City Treasurer of the City of Chicago? that he acted as such? A.—I know that he acted as such.

Q.—For how-long a period? A.—About twenty-one months.

Q.—While you were there? A.—While I was there.

Q.—But generally how long did he act as such? A.—About four years.

Q.—Did you hold any office in the City Government while Mr. Gage was City Treasurer? A.—I did, sir.

Q.—What? A.—City Comptroller.

Q.—How long did you hold that office? A.—From March 1, 1872, to Dec. 15, 1873.

Q.—You were Comptroller all that time? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Who was acting as City Treasurer during that time? A.—David A. Gage.

Q.—The defendant? A.—Yes, sir.

MR. GAGE'S DEFICIT.

Q.—Did you ever have any conversation with Mr. Gage in reference to a deficit in the City Treasury while he was Treasurer?

[Objected to, and objection overruled.]

A.—I did.

Q.—When was it? A.—On or about Nov. 13, 1873.

Q.—Where was it? A.—At the Pacific Hotel.

Q.—Was

of the kind? A.—No; he claimed that he would be able to make it all right; that there would be no difficulty coming from that fact.

Q.—Well, did you have any other conversation with him on the same subject? A.—One other.

Q.—When? A.—It was the last Saturday in November.

Q.—Where? A.—At the Pacific Hotel.

Q.—Well, what was the conversation then? A.—I went over and saw Mr. Gage at the Pacific Hotel, and stated to him that Mayor Colvin was going to nominate his Committee on inauguration night, so that he would probably get

ONE WEEK LESS TO SETTLE

than he would if the usual rule had been followed of nominating committees on the second night. He said that would be all right; that he would have the money to turn over,—every last dollar of it, even of the suspended bank accounts. I went off feeling happy.

Q.—Was that the last conversation you had with him? A.—That was the last conversation.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Mr. Dexter—This is understood to be objected to. The exception is preserved to all this testimony.

Mr. Reed—Yes, sir.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—Mr. Reed asked you whether Mr. Gage said that he had loaned this money, and I understand you to say he did not say anything on that subject. He did not say he had not loaned it, did he? A.—He did not say he had not; he stated at the first interview he had loaned $25,000.

Q.—But at any interview he did not make any statement he had not? A.—No, sir.

GEORGE SHERWOOD,

called on behalf of the people, was sworn, and testified as follows:

Direct examination—By Mr. Reed: Q.—What is your business? A.—A book publisher.

Q.—Did you ever hold any office under the City Government of the City of Chicago? A.—As a member of the Common Council.

Q.—As Alderman? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—How long? A.—Two years.

Q.—What years? A.—1871 and 1872.

Q.—Do you know the defendant, David A. Gage? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Did you know him as City Treasurer, while you were a member of the Common Council? A.—I did.

Q.—Were you a member of any committee of the Common Council during your term of office? A.—I was a member of the Finance Committee.

Q.—Did you ever have any conversation with Mr. Gage on the subject of his being behind or there being a deficit or defalcation in the City Treasury? A.—I did.

Q.—When was the first one? A.—The first was after the panic sometime in November—I would not say September.

Q.—When did that occur and where? A.—The Finance Committee met with the Comptroller at the Board of Public Works to look over the financial condition of the city, and during this meeting Mr. Gage was cited to come before the Committee, and he made a report of the condition,—I have

A MEMORANDUM

here that I took at that time.

Q.—As given by him? A.—It was given by Mr. Gage to the Committee. He stated that he had—

Objection was made by the Council for the defendant.

The Court—What is this objected to for?

Mr. Campbell—On the same ground; it is three or four months before this occured.

Mr. Dexter—A little further objection seems to be this: if Mr. Gage gave him a memorandum of the contents of any books, we ought to have the books.

The Court—I don't understand him to say that it is a memorandum he made himself. How is that? A.—I have a copy here that Mr. Gage gave personally.

Mr. Reed—Did he state to you that that is correct orally? A.—Yes, sir.

The Court—I think he may go on.

Mr. Dexter—I would like him to state if it relates to the contents of books at all. A.—It relates to bank accounts, sir.

The Court—That is the bank account of what? A.—David A. Gage.

Mr. Dexter—Mr. Gage's bank account cannot be of any account here. He is a man indicted for not paying over on the 5th day of January. Now, these statements would not indicate anything. We are trying to show now, by Ald. Sherwood, that defendant made statements as to money he had in bank which were wrong. What of it? Suppose he had all the money in the bank that he owed the city? The fact that shows that if the bank had closed he would be at the bar of this court here to-day, just as he is now. He stands indicted for money he had in banks, and when that is not an excuse in their estimation, to allow during most of the time spent in a court of justice.

The Court—Well, Mr. Dexter, after all it is entirely within the scope of the general principle. The prosecution has upon its hands two things. A failure to make either one of them is a failure to make a case. One of them is, that there were funds in the hands of Gage, as Treasurer, to which they were entitled, and the other is that, upon a proper demand, he failed to pay them over. Now, then, upon these two questions they have a right to make proof to the jury, and they have a right to put in everything that tends to prove either one of these two things, and for that purpose they may, from anything the defendant himself has said within any reasonable time. It is difficult to lay down any general rule as to what is a reasonable time within which it would be competent to prove what Mr. Gage may have said. It must be conceded he is a party to the record here, and therefore the principle is too old and too well settled to be debated now.

[Objection overruled, and exception taken.]

By Mr. Reed—Q.—Mr. Sherwood, now state. A.—At the time Mr. Gage presented thirteen bonds, or he had his accounts, in the Commercial National Bank, $73,918.16; in the Union Stock Yards, $50,000; in the Third National Bank, $75,000; in the Union National, $132,918.76; in the Fourth National, $5,000; in the Manufacturers' National, $15,000; The Bankers' Bank, $5,300; in the Second National, $100,000; in the Mechanics' National, $85,000; in the Cook County National, $148,976; in the State Savings Bank, $20,918.42; in the Hibernian, $15,000; in the Bank of Chicago $5,000 making a total of $1,217,231.34.

Q.—That was in September; do you remember the date in September? A.—I do not. I simply have a memorandum; it was some time after the panic; the exact day I do not remember.

Q.—What else, if anything, was said in that conversation? A.—That was about all in relation to it.

Q.—Did he say anything further at that time? A.—Not at that time, only he was very cheerful; the question we were discussing was the bonds stopping the contracts after the panic. Mr. Gage seemed to be quite cheerful over it. Mr. Gage said there would be no difficulty about getting all the money we needed to meet the contracts without trouble.

Q.—When was

THE NEXT CONVERSATION,

if any? A.—I had no further at that time. The next was after the resolution was submitted to the Council for an investigation as to the condition of the Treasury.

Q.—When was that, about? A.—That was long about the latter part of October. I, as a member of the Finance Committee, went with the Comptroller and asked him for the monthly balances of his check from the firs down to date. I also went to the Treasurer's Department and asked for the same figures, compared those, and they coincided. My object was, as a member of the Finance Committee, to make an investigation, and ascertain, as there was some talk about the Treasurer, and it was our duty under the resolution to investigate, but I was not at that time ready to report before I had an opportunity to go into the Treasurer's office to make an investigation. I was called by telegram to a distant State. I did not return until the evening of the election.

Q.—Was this the first that occurred between you and him? A.—I then went in the Treasurer's office to

VERIFY THE ACCOUNT.

As I had the balances I could see very quickly whether the money was short or not. I called upon him to make up the check account. That was the object I had in view. I asked the clerk; I did not see Mr. Gage.

Q.—That is, Mr. Olcott? A.—Yes, sir. I told him I wanted to correct the money. He said, certainly, and he gave me a list of cash on hand, and other little items that appeared favorable. Then he gave me a list of the banks drawn off generally. It seemed to be a consolidated list of the banks. He gave me further a list of thirteen of the banks, which I have, which he gave me at that time. I can read the list.

By Mr. Campbell: Q.—What was that date, Mr. Sherwood? A.—This was some time after the 1st of November, but I do not recollect the exact day. It was probably a week or two.

By Mr. Reed: Q.—Will you go on? What about that list? A.—Then Mr. Olcott submitted this list of the bank accounts, which, if it were correct, would balance the account as I understood it; Commercial National Bank, $220,833.34; Union Stock-Yards National Bank, $60,000; Third National Bank, $133,780.53; Union National Bank, $204,113.70; Fourth National Bank, $56,000; Manufacturers' National Bank, $15,000; Badgers' Bank, $7,500; Second National Bank, $115,000; Mechanics' National Bank, $38,800; Cook County, $101,113.50; Hibernian, $10,000; Bank of Chicago, $5,000; State Savings Institution, $122,-123.08; making a total balance of $1,080,016.44.

Q.—What day of November do you think that was, as near as you can recollect. How soon after the election? A.—I think it was about two weeks, I should say.

Q.—When did you next see Mr. Gage, what did you next do? A.—After I received this statement of the Clerk of course I asked some questions about this to know whether the money was here; this evidently balanced the account. As I stated, the Comptroller's monthly balance and the monthly balance of the Treasurer's account were identified. Then this balanced his cash account—made the account all right if the money was all here. I asked him for the pass books.

Q.—The bank-books. A.—Yes, sir, which I supposed should be made up in order to tally, to see if this money was here, as reported in the bank. He said the bank-books were not there. He said Mr. Gage took them away. I asked him when. He said some time since.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—This statement Mr. Olcott gave you? A.—This statement the bookkeeper of Mr. Gage gave me as containing the amount of money in these books.

By the Court—Q.—Was Mr. Gage there? A.—Mr. Gage was not there.

By Mr. Reed—Q.—Did you take it from the books? A.—I did not.

Mr. Reed—Then it is incompetent, and I withdraw it.

The Court—Let that be considered as stricken out of the case.

THE BANK-BOOKS.

By Mr. Reed—Q.—Did you get the books when you inquired for them? A.—I did not.

Q.—You were in the Treasurer's office at the time? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—When, if ever, did you see Mr. Gage next? A.—The Finance Committee had a meeting. Allow me to explain why I happened to see Mr. Gage. This was on Saturday, I think, and Mr. Bond and Mr. Ogden were present, I think, of the Finance Committee, and they said they had been waiting for me to return word to make out a report to send to the Council, and I said to them that they had better go rather slow on that, for I was not prepared to sign a report that Mr. Gage's books were all right, for I considered them all wrong, from such information as I could get from the office.

[Objected to and ruled out.]

GAGE'S LETTER.

Q.—Come down to the time that you saw Mr. Gage. A.—Then Mr. Gage writes a letter to me.

Q.—Have you got the letter? A.—I have it here.

Q.—Is that his handwriting? A.—I think it is, sir; I so understand it.

Q.—What does that letter contain? A.—This letter is dated Nov. 17, simply a letter asking me to go and see him:

"DEAR SIR: I would like to see you at the hotel at 11 o'clock this day."

That is Monday, I think, Nov. 17. The letter is dated 1873.

Q.—What did you do? A.—Mr. Gage said he had sent that letter to see me, as he understood I was pressing for the books.

Q.—Were you referring to them? A.—Small bank-books. He seemed to be in a very agitated state of mind, and he said that his accounts were wrong. He acknowledged that they were wrong. He said if I had not discovered entries there, there would not have been anything known about it. He would have had it all settled up, and would have it in ten days. Said he: "You must give me a chance for my life." He said: "You have got a good heart," and made such remarks. He said he never had had any trouble before. He mentioned about his family relations, etc., and said they were pleasant. He never knew what trouble was, but he was almost crazy over this matter, and said I must give him a chance for his life. That was about the conversation. I told him that it was due to me that he should state the worst of it. I asked him how much he was short. He said he was short $300,000. I asked him what he had done with the money. Well, he mentioned one little matter; he had loaned one of the members of the Finance Committee a small amount.

Q.—How much? A.—I think it was some $30,000. I am not positive at this time how much the sum was he named.

Q.—Who was it? A.—Mr. McAvoy. I asked him what he had done with the rest of it. He says, "For God's sake don't ask me any questions. I am almost crazy." He seemed very much excited. Of course I had sympathy with him, and I left the matter. That was about all there was to it. I had the information I got.

Q.—What, if anything, did he say about there having been

FALSE ENTRIES

in his book? A.—He acknowledged that his accounts were wrong.

Q.—In what way? A.—He did not say specially; I suppose he alluded to the fact.

Q.—Give his language upon that subject, Mr. Sherwood, as near as you can? A.—I did give it as nearly as I could. I think the language he used was "false entries." I think that was the term.

By Mr. Campbell: Q.—Where? A.—I think he alluded to the matter of the bank-account—he did not say what.

By Mr. Reed: Q.—I want to know whether, as a member of the Finance Committee, you discovered any bank-book which was a consolidated bank-book, showing the balance in the banks, the sum total, the aggregate amount from time to time? A.—I simply said what I stated here—what was objected to—a consolidated account given by the Comptroller. I did not see Mr. Gage at all.

Q.—By the Comptroller or by his clerk? A.—By his clerk, I mean.

Q.—Did you see the book in his office? A.—I saw a little check-book he had in his hand, that was all, where he had drawn off the accounts on it. I think it was a memorandum, nothing more.

Q.—Was that the last conversation you had with him on the subject? A.—That is

THE ONLY CONVERSATION

I had with Mr. Gage on the subject. I might have met him casually. I met him afterwards, and asked him how he was getting along. He said he was going to be the only Treasurer that ever paid up before.

By Mr. Dexter: Q.—What did he mean by that paying up the money? A.—I didn't understand. I suppose he meant he should settle his account in full.

Q.—Are not you mistaken about that being made by Mr. Gage? Will ask you to look at it again—those items given you by Mr. Gage. A.—These are the dollars and cents I copied from the statements that Mr. Gage made. I think they are correct; I think it is possible—

Q.—Are not you mistaken about Mr. Gage making the statement? A.—No mistaken.

Q.—You are pretty sure? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You said that there were some statements made to the Finance Committee when Mr. Bond and Mr. Burley were present by Mr. Gage to you? A.—This was at the time—

Q.—When they were present? A.—I think they were both present at the time, but I am not absolutely sure; it was during that investigation.

Q.—If it should turn out that you were mistaken about their being present, might it not be that you were mistaken about who gave you those figures, and it might be the bookkeeper instead of Mr. Gage? A.—I am positively sure I took those figures in that office when the Committee were investigating the condition of the banks. I know they were during most of those investigations.

Q.—Did you go to see if this money was in bank? A.—I did not.

Q.—Do you know anything about whether it was in bank? A.—I do not.

Q.—Did you go to see, when you got another statement, whether he had the money put down in the statement in the banks? A.—I went to get the bank-books.

Q.—But you didn't go and make any investigation on that subject? A.—I did not.

Q.—You did not go near the banks, and did not know from personal inquiry there was there—whether there was a million or ten millions? A.—I did not.

Q.—Now, Mr. Sherwood, something has been said here about

FALSE ENTRIES.

Did you see any books Mr. Gage kept as City Treasurer in which there were false entries? A.—I did not.

Q.—Did you ever see any books of any kind in which there were false entries? A.—You mean in Mr. Gage's office?

Q.—Office; anywhere. A.—No, sir.

Q.—In the books referred to were they not just those, that Mr. Gage, for the purpose of keeping his cash right when he loaned money, reported it as cash to the Comptroller, and when he took it out of cash in your cashier's desk at home, and that the memorandum referred to was not upon any books, but was a private memorandum of Mr. Gage, in which he treated the sums loaned as cash—wasn't that all there was of that? A.—Well, I couldn't say; he didn't say anything to me about——

Q.—Can you say that wasn't it? A.—I cannot.

Q.—Here, on this memorandum, I find there purported to be on hand, November 9th, $2,968,926.27. Where did you understand the difference between those two items was? A.—I have a statement here of the monthly balances, and that monthly balance from the Comptroller states that; that is the way I made that memorandum from the books.

Q.—Did you get any information at that time on that subject?—A.—I didn't at the time—I got it from the——

Q.—But not at that interview, from Mr. Gage? A.—No, sir.

Q.—That paper did not come from Mr. Gage, I understand? A.—No, sir; it did not.

EDWARD OLCOTT

was recalled on behalf of the prosecution,

a witness called on behalf of the people, was duly sworn, and testified as follows:

Direct examination by Mr. Reed—Q.—What is your business? A.—Bookkeeper in the City Comptroller's office.

Q.—How long have you been such? A.—Two years and a half.

Q.—The last two years and a half? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—The last two years and a half's receipts and pay of the amounts that Mr. Gage paid out and received between Dec. 1, 1873, and the time you vacated the office, Dec. 16? A.—I have the vouchers.

Q.—What does the balance show? A.—The balance on hand, said last time was $956,000.

[Objected to.]

Q.—You have examined them and made a calculation, haven't you? A.—Yes, sir.

The Witness—Do you want the fund and the amount?

Mr. Dexter—Yes, sir. A.—General fund $6,106.

Q.—These are vouchers for money disbursed? A.—Yes, sir.

The witness then read from about 730 vouchers the different amounts, making the total of $965,069.

CROSS-EXAMINATION.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—Look at page 27 of that trial balance, and tell me if this sum of $965,760.81 is not made up by taking from it $794? that does not make the difference between the debit and credit columns so that they balance? A.—It makes the difference.

Q.—That equalizes—that balances? A.—Yes.

Q.—That, if the $794 remains in the last column had been paid in in money that they would be just so much more money in hand; there would be $2,662,-224? A.—That would be it with the exception of $4,000.

Q.—Where is that—explain? A.—Because if that goes where it belongs, that overdraft would not be so large.

Redirect examination by Mr. Smith: B.—Here is a taking of money from one fund and putting it into another? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You call it loaning? A.—Call it overdraft—call it loaning if you wish.

Q.—For instance its says, "Canal Fund?" A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—Water fund; sewerage fund?" A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You do not mean that Mr. Gage personally loaned to the city? A.—No, sir; what I mean is—

Q.—Are not the bookkeepers, and money put out of one fund and put it into another? A.—The Comptroller draws on the Treasurer, and he foots the bills.

Q.—The Comptroller draws on the Treasurer, and he takes out of one fund, and puts into another? A.—Yes, sir.

Q.—You do not mean it changes the aggregate result of the balances in the City Treasury? A.—No, sir.

By Mr. Dexter—Q.—You say the Comptroller draws from the City Treasury. Those moneys cannot be had without the consent of the City Treasurer, can they, from those funds? A.—No, sir.

That was all the evidence here offered on the part of the people.

OPENING FOR THE DEFENSE.

Mr. Swett then opened the case for the defense. He reminded the jury that they were judges of both the law and the evidence in a criminal case, and he proceeded to discuss the law points involved that they might understand their application to the testimony. The indictment arose out of Mr. Gage having funds with he should have paid over. If two facts were made out the case was clear; that was, if it were first proved that the money came into his hands, and second that it was not paid over. There was, however, more in the case. In the first place the city charter provided that the Common Council should have control of the finances of the city.

The Court inquired if Mr. Swett intended to argue the law points. It was competent, as he understood the practice, to simply state the facts, which it was expected to prove, in the opening.

Mr. Swett desired to state the law points and their application to the facts. He then went on to say that the State had no control of the funds in the City Treasury. There was a law in force that said that the public moneys should be kept in kind; but in Chicago the money had been loaned out, and, the law not requiring that interest to be accounted for, the City Treasurer put it into his hands. He then read the section of the Charter in relation to depositing the city's funds, and said the defense would show that Mr. Gage sent a letter to the Council, requesting them to designate where the money should be placed at interest. After some opposition, the letter was referred to the Finance Committee, who were advised that designating by ordinance a depository or depositories would relieve Mr. Gage's bondsmen. So a contract was entered into with him to give a bond for $2,500,000, the Committee saying, in effect: Instead of placing the money at interest for the city's account, account for it at 4 per cent, and use it prudently yourself; we shall hold you on your bond. Mr. Gage paid, at the annual settlement, $64,000 interest into the Treasury, in pursuance of the contract. At the end of the next year he was re-elected, and a committee, appointed to investigate, reported that he was willing to continue the arrangement. When he went out of office he had not the money "in kind;" it was not at interest, he having $400,000 in banks that were good, and $147,000 in banks just as good, but suspended at the time on account of the panic. He could not be held responsible for putting money into banks which everybody supposed were good.

When Mr. Gage was about to pay over he had, besides the money in the banks, $350,000 in Riverside bonds, which were regarded as good; the money having been invested in them, since he was allowed to exercise his discretion. He claimed that Mr. Gage turned over every dollar for which he was accountable when he turned over the bank credits and bonds. Mr. O'Hara had refused to receive anything but money, and Mr. Gage had turned over the bonds, and, besides, put into the hands of the city every dollar he had to make good the loss.

There were two law points which he wished to direct attention to: First, that whenever a right depended upon a demand and a refusal—that was, wherever a demand and refusal gave a right that did not exist without the demand and refusal,—it must be for the exact sum. If it be for one cent more or one cent less, the demand and refusal fell. Second, that, although it might be true that Mr. Gage was not authorized exactly, as the ordinances of the city required, to loan the money, yet he was authorized to such a degree that he had a right to believe he might loan it, and, consequently, allowing the money to go out of his hands was no offense for want of an intention.

The Court then took a recess until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TESTIMONY FOR THE DEFENSE.

Upon the reassembling of the Court, M. F. Tuley was called for the defense, and testified as follows:

M. F. TULEY.

Direct examination by Mr. Swett: Q.—How long have you resided in Chicago? A.—Continually since 1854.

Q.—Have you ever occupied any public position or office there? A.—I have.

Q.—What, if any, in connection with the City Government? A.—I was Counsel to the Corporation from December, 1860, until December, 1873.

Q.—When was Mr. Gage first elected City Treasurer? A.—Well, a number of years ago he was Treasurer of the City of Chicago.

Q.—I mean about the time you went into the office. A.—He was elected, I think, in November, 1869,—the first Tuesday in November.

Q.—During his administration as Treasurer, what office did you fill? A.—The office of Counsel to the Corporation.

Q.—Who were members at the time of the Finance Committee? A.—Ald. McAvoy, Ald. Wilce, and Ald. Herting were the members of the Finance Committee. The Committee that was appointed in December, 1869, under the administration that then went into power—

Q.—Do you remember the fact of Mr. Gage, as Treasurer, sending

A COMMUNICATION TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

in reference to the disposition to be made by him of the public funds in his hands as Treasurer? A.—I recollect that fact, sir.

Q.—I will ask you to look at the letter which I present you, and see whether or not it is a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Gage. A.—To the best of my recollection that is a copy of the letter sent by Mr. Gage.

Q.—I will ask you what became of the city records and papers at the time of the Chicago fire? A.—Some of them were destroyed by fire, but most all of the city papers were saved from the fire,—I mean those that belong to the City Clerk's office.

By Mr. Reed—Q.—This would belong to the City Clerk's office would it not? A.—That would depend upon the fact whether it was ever reported back. My impression is that it was never reported back.

Q.—Do you know anything in relation to the original of that letter, as to whether it was destroyed or not? A.—I do not, sir.

Q.—Have you made any search for the letter at the request of anybody? A.—I have not; I directed search to be made, but I did not make it myself.

Q.—Who did make it? A.—My partner, Mr. Lewis.

By Mr. Swett—Q.—I will ask you whether or not you know that such a letter was sent to the Council? A.—I do, sir.

Counsel for the defendant offered the letters in evidance, and they were objected to by counsel for the people.

Mr. Swett—We expect to follow that up by proving that, upon receipt of it, the Council took action, and referred the question to the Finance Committee; that the Finance Committee applied to the Corporation Counsel and the Comptroller. The Finance Committee and the Corporation Counsel made an arrangement with Mr. Gage to the effect that he was to

LOAN THE PUBLIC FUNDS

and account to the city for 4 per cent interest, having any excess for his risk and trouble, and that the city was to rely upon his bond. Pursuant to that, he did loan the funds, and two years afterwards all the facts were reported to the City Council, and a settlement made with Mr. Gage upon that basis, and the action of the Finance Committee, and of the various parties, ratified by the Common Council by an official vote.

Mr. Smith—The charter provides what the competent authority is,—there is no ubiquity about it,—about the manner in which it is to be done, and the security to be taken, and where it is to be put, and that ends the power, now. That letter does not prove, or tend to prove anything, of that kind. If a competent authority did direct Mr. Gage in relation to these deposits, let them introduce their competent authority. Whether it was done by suggestion of Gage, or of their own motion, is wholly immaterial. When it comes to the point of their presenting a competent authority, or what is claimed to be a competent authority, giving direction to Mr. Gage, the time will come then to decide whether that is sufficient or not.

The Court—There is a great deal of

INDEFINITENESS

about your statement, Mr. Swett. In the absence of something subsequent to this, I do not think this would be competent. You simply state, in a general way, that you expect to show that the corporation took action when they received this letter, and referred the subject to the Finance Committee, but you do not state the terms of it. Now, I suppose, we shall have to revert to first principles to dispose of this question. This is a corporation assuming to act in a matter wherein its corporative action is relied upon, if I understand you?

Mr. Swett—Yes.

The Court—Corporations can only act by agents duly and properly authorized by vote of the corporation in some legal way. Now, if your statement means to include a proposition to the effect that the corporation in a legal manner authorized under this charter did act and did direct, why, then I think that is competent, but I do not think it will do to say that the corporation shall be shown to have acted by inference.

Mr. Swett—I will state, as correctly and distinctly as I can, what I understand the facts to be: I understand that letter was sent to the Council, and it was referred by a proper official vote to the Finance Committee for their action.

The Court—Well, now, what is that vote of reference—that is important—what is it?

Mr. Swett—I understand it to be a proper and legal vote of the Council.

The Court—Referred to them for what purpose?

Mr. Swett—Referred to them for the purpose of disposing the question of the subject matter of this letter—referred to them for the purpose of arranging with the City Treasurer in regard to the loaning of the city funds.

The Court—Well, if it was referred to them as a committee of that deliberative body to consider and report back, that would be the ordinary reference, and if it was so referred as to amount to a designation of these men as agents of the corporation, authorizing them to do this, it would become important in the determination of this question. You cannot ignore its importance in fairness. I want to see what they were authorized to do. I want to see

WHAT THIS ORDER OF REFERENCE IS.

Mr. Dexter—Our proposition is to follow this up with action on the part of the Finance Committee. The question in your Honor's mind is whether the Finance Committee was authorized to take the action which they did take. We say that it is

QUITE IMMATERIAL

whether they were, technically and strictly speaking, authorized or not, because we propose to show an action under color of authority, and follow it up by a subsequent clear, manifest, and regular ratification as binding upon the corporation as upon any individuals.

The Court—Which section of the charter is it which gives them a right to control the funds?

Mr. Reed—Page 419, Secs. 18 and 19.

Mr. Dexter—It is not claimed that the Common Council did direct any banks, consequently the second section has no relation to this matter; on the contrary, it is claimed that they declined to designate any banks, but that they did place this matter in the hands of Mr. Gage, under his security, and gave him control of the funds, and that he went on and loaned them, and that they afterwards ratified the agreement. Never was Mr. Gage put upon his inquiry as to whether the Finance Committee had regular authority; he is invited to meet with them, and enters upon certain negotiations. Now clearly upon the question of Mr. Gage's good faith and intention in making that arrangement it would be eminently proper to show that he met with a body whom he knew to be the Finance Committee, even if there were some technical irregularity in their appointment. And even if he did not follow that up by a subsequent step, I think it would be competent to show, that as a layman, not being versed in the law, whether he was complying with the law or not, he supposed he was.

We go further than that, and say that

ALL IRREGULARITY IS HEALED

by a subsequent ratification, which we shall show by a direct resolution of the Council. Now it is not claimed that any money went into a bank by special direction, but that a regulary constituted committee did make an arrangement, and that they did make a settlement. They say, You have not started that Committee just right. Our reply is two-fold: first, we suppose they had authority; and, second, we have a resolution here which shows a subsequent ratification by the very body from whom the resolution proceeded.

The Court—Mr. Dexter, let me see the resolution which you claim to be a ratification.

[The report of the Finance Committee reciting the arrangement with Mr. Gage was handed to the Court and read by the Court.]

Mr. Dexter—I suppose Your Honor gathers from it our position. That report refers to the proposition of Mr. Gage, and refers to the Finance Committee, and what they did. The Finance Committee recite what they did and the negotiation with Mr. Gage. Now, it is quite immaterial whether that Finance Committee did it under authority or not, if after doing it the principal approves it. Now we shall prove that that report was approved by adoption of the Council.

The Court—The question, in my mind, is, whether the main burden of the action was not to determine

THE QUESTION OF SALARY,

and, if so, how it should be paid rather than to take action at all in respect to the liability of the Treasurer, or interference by the corporation in the management of the money.

Mr. Smith—Certainly; that is exactly the way it is.

The Court—That is the way the question must strike the mind of anybody.

Mr. Campbell—The question is to what extent it goes; there is no question it tends to prove something.

The Court—Proof in regard to agency is exceptional. It is not like proof of any other fact. In almost any other case when counsel assume a report, and they are going further to follow it up and make the proof competent, which in itself it is not, in the ordinary trial of cases it is usual, and the practice is that the Court will take the declaration of counsel, and will permit the testimony to go in, and, finally, if he fails to make it good, the Court will strike it out. That is not the rule in respect to an agent, and the practice is not that way; it is not sufficient to say you are going to show that A, B, or C, D, have said or done a thing on your behalf, or mine, and that, by and by, you are going to show our authority to him to do it. In that regard this question of agency is exceptional.

MAKING AN AGENT.

Mr. Campbell—We show a resolution of reference to this Finance Committee. That makes them agents, and then there has a resolution of the Council when the agents reported.

The Court—Are you entirely safe in your first conclusion that that made them agents?

Mr. Campbell—I have not the slightest doubt in the wide world of it.

The Court—The difficulty that occurs to my mind is that the power given to the Common Council to act at all on this subject is given in

MEASURED AND STRICT TERMS,

and defines its own process, and no others, substantial compliance with it is necessarily good. The law directs this action may be taken by the Common Council by ordinance or resolution. You do not pretend that they did either, but you claim that this subject was assumed by a Committee of the Common Council, and voluntarily examined and investigated without authority, and that the corporation, in accepting their report of what they had done, ratified the act. I think that proposition contains nothing else than an ordinary reference in a deliberative body of a subject that it is to consider, that it may be understood and more carefully examined than it is practicable for the whole body to do, and that is the effect, I think, in law, and in fact in this case, of the reference. It seems to me that is the true view of the situation. You are seeking now to show what these agents did, and claim that finally it was adopted by the corporation, and that contravenes a well recognized principle which the Court has already adverted to.

Mr. Dexter—Ald. Holden moved that the communication be referred to the Committee on Finance with instructions to examine the report, and ascertain if the original proposition to pay 4% per cent per annum on all funds in the Treasury for two years, and that the city has been complied with; and also to negotiate with David A. Gage, City Treasurer, pertaining to the amount of interest to be paid into the City Treasury as interest on balances in the Treasury for the years 1871, 1872, and 1873, and report the facts to the Council.

The city left the deposits under control of Mr. Gage, relying upon his official bond as security. Would what was done between these parties be any stronger if the Common Council had prefaced it with the high-sounding words that—

"*Resolved*, That we do hereby take the money?"

They had it.

"*Resolved*, We do hereby give this gentleman so much for the use of loaning."

That is what they did. We do give him control of these funds? That is what they did. Now, I say if he is to be deprived of this excuse; if, after going on and doing this act, and with this substantial concurrence of the city, by which he put the city money in their pockets, which implies loaning and the receiving of interest; if now, when he is coming before a jury of his fellow-citizens, at the bar of his country, he is to be deprived of that on technical ground, then let courts of justice no longer be called courts of justice.

Mr. Smith—Your Honor, this seems to be rather a one-sw ing. I protest against this line of remark. Time enough for Mr. Dexter to make arguments right before him, that we now ask this Court to make a ruling, which would operate a sharp practice and bad faith towards Gage, when, in the most pointed language, the contrary is true. A communication is recited here, on the petition they ask to have acted upon, and arrange for receiving interest thereon, thereby relieving him from his bond, and the greater responsibility attached to the

HEAD IN THE ALTERNATIVE

If they would, then the action of the Council should decide to put the responsibility on the Treasurer, and refuse to direct him where to deposit the funds,—he (even per annum on every day-loaned. Then, your Honor, was in pursuance of a sacred pledge he had made to the electors of Cook County, and on the strength of which he received a majority of their votes, and if this Court will not take cognizance of the responsibility, then I inform you that in pursuance of the pledge I made to the electors I stand ready to pay 4% per cent," and winds up by saying that in that alternation he thinks justice and equality require that the city should pay him additional compensation. For what? For the great responsibility of taking charge of those funds. Here is a direct statement, that if the Council refused to relieve him of the responsibility of the custody of those funds, he, in pursuance of his pledge, would pay 4% per cent into the Treasury. Now counsel say, when we call Mr. Gage to an account, and ask him to pay over the funds intrusted to him by the public as City Treasurer, that it is

[A BREACH OF FAITH

to hold him to the very responsibility he said he was ready to assume, and that anybody that would do that in private affairs ought to be driven from a court of justice. I deny the justice of them in this court of Honor, and, on the contrary, I retort that this man, after having pledged himself to the people of Cook County that he would take the responsibility of the custody of these funds, and now is to be relieved, now turns around and says that he should be relieved from the just responsibility which he assumed by saying that he put it into a Riverside speculation, and, unless he is allowed to do that, that it is such a breach of faith on the part of the city as would debar it from a court of justice, or out of any decent community.

Mr. Dexter—Junius says to one of his enemies, "You hate me, although you had once been my friend."

THE POISON, AND THE ANIMOSITY,

and the acrimoniousness of those remarks, point to a previous confidential relation between the unfortunate defendant and the gentleman who have indulged in them. Now, I deny them; they should not be answered; he says we come in court and claim that under the terms of our letter we made an agreement to put the money in bank, and that we have violated that agreement. How stands the city here? How stands the Government with its counsel brought here by a Citizens' Committee to crowd this man in this hour of extremity? What does the gentleman mean when he hurls such statements against a man in the person of the defendant here? Does he not know that there is some hour in a man's life when he ought to invoke, and is compelled to invoke, the favorable considerations of his fellow-citizens? It may come to you or to me, or to any one of us, that we may fall into more tender hands if it does.

Now, if the Court please, their proposition, when they hurl it at us as being a denial of our duty to pay over this money, is false, and we are not plaintiff on any such ground as that. We say, gentlemen, we had your authority to loan the money. We loaned it, perhaps unwisely, perhaps unfortunately. God knows we are sorry we ever touched it. We were occupying a high, responsible, and wealthy position, and we are to-day in trouble, begging mercy at the hands and tender consideration of our fellow-citizens. But

WHAT ARE THE FACTS?

A financial storm has swept over this country, and precipitated us with others; from our wealth we are in poverty; from our proud position we are here to-day before a body of our fellow-citizens. We have given all that we have of our own; we have given all we ever received for this loan, and we simply say that after having taken $150,000 of our interest, and putting it in your pocket, that you cannot crowd us and refuse to take the principal.

The panic came last fall, and all the banks were closed up; so when the time came for this unfortunate defendant to turn over, Mr. O'Hara selected the good banks. He took Coolbaugh's, he took the Commercial National, and he took the Second National, and the money is locked up there to-day. I am not sorry I am here to say a word to help th t man if I can; but I would not, if you could coin the world into bars of gold, make such remarks and aspersions of a man who has occupied the position this defendant has.

Mr. Smith—It is an od saying that

THE GALLED JADE WINCES.

Now, this personal remark is entirely uncalled for. I merely replied to the position they to where, in which they said this prosecution was attempting to ask this Court to make a ruling which would operate as bad faith to such a degree that, whenever any private party should take it, he would be ki fled out of court. I repel the imputation. N w, the counsel's personal attack on me is a matter of the highest indifference to the individual who is now addressing this honorable Court. I am too old a soldier; my hide, if I may be allowed a homely expression, is set together too thick to be pierced by any such talk as that.

Mr. Dexter—I think it is very thick.

Mr. Smith—I will say my hide is to the gentleman before we close this case. I will give him ample opportunity and ample rope; then I will pay my respects to him.

The Court said the personalities were inapplicable, and he did not want to hear them, since they were not creditable to the Court or to anybody; and he wished them to be avoided in the future.

MR. SWETT

then made a protracted argument to show that the letter was admissible as showing Mr. Gage's intention.

Mr. Reed denied this, claiming that, unless it could be shown that the Council acted in accordance with the provisions of the charter (which he asserted they had not done), their action was utterly void, and afforded not the slightest protection to the defendant.

THE COURT

said it was a grossly dangerous proposition to lay down, that any municipality whose organization was purely governmental should be permitted, under this or that clause of the charter, to depart from the legitimate objects of the organization, and embark in financial operations, and that he was constrained to the conclusion that the report of the Finance Committee in reference to increasing Gage's salary was not a ratification of any assumption of any risk by the corporation. Neither their action nor that of any other parties who assumed to act for the city bound the corporation, since they acted contrary to the law.

Exception was taken to the ruling, the letter being excluded as well as the action of the Council regarding it.

The examination of Mr. Tuley was then resumed.

THE ARRANGEMENT WITH GAGE.

Mr. Swett offered to prove by him that at a meeting in December, 1869, at which was present the Mayor, the Finance Committee, the Comptroller, Mr. Tuley as Corporation Counsel, and Mr. Gage, an arrangement was made by which Mr. Gage was to loan the city's funds and pay 4 per cent interest thereon, he to keep the excess as compensation; also, that an arrangement was made by which the bond of Mr. Gage was to be accepted as the security of Mr. Gage, and that he was to loan the funds without any direction as to where they were to be loaned.

This testimony was objected to, and, the objection being sustained, exception was taken.

Mr. Dexter then offered in evidence the

"TRIAL BALANCE"

of the Treasurer, showing the sources from which he derived his money, and how his accounts were made up.

Mr. Reed objected; the defendant could not prove his own act.

It was admitted, subject to objection.

Mr. Swett offered to prove that Mr. Tuley, as the law officer of the city, was present at a meeting of the Finance Committee, consisting of Bateham, Otis, and Bond, and investigated and arrived at a knowledge that large sums of money were being loaned by the Treasurer, and arranged with him that he was to continue, subject to the approval of the Council, the same course for the next two years without any direction.

This was objected to, and the objection overruled, exception being taken.

A. H. BURLEY

was recalled, and testified that the Jonathan Burr fund, a moiety of which was to be used for school purposes and the rest for buying coal for the poor, went into the "general balance."

Q.—How much interest did the defendant pay into the Treasury, and did it go to swell the fund which was finally demanded of him?

Objected to on the ground of immateriality.

Mr. Dexter wanted to show what the $503,000 was made up of—whether it was public or private money, for the purpose of showing that the "funds" did not come within the law.

After some argument the question was admitted.

Q.—Was the $120,000 interest paid by Mr. Gage included in the balance demanded of him? A.—It was.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

The Burr fund was handled the same as any other fund by the Comptroller.

*By M

P TRANSPORTATION.

of the National Association in Richmond.

h Between the Railroad d Canal Projectors.

k and Virginia Champions of the Opposing Causes.

Dignified and Respectable Gathering.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

Va., Dec. 1.—The notable event in the of the Transportation Association today ing evidence of hostility, which will prove into an irreconcilable conflict between New rginia. Nothing of this was visible to vers, but it was really at the bottom of all h took place in respect to organiza- mittees, etc. New York men want a oad. The Virginia people are in ation by canal. They propose to through the Alleghany Mountains, nor ranges of high hills, and through the tunnel at an expense 000,000. This is what the James River a Canal scheme means, and to this all are religiously devoted. Hence, before r, of New York, Chairman of the Com- ilway Transportation, had finished read- WAY

ACIOUSLY INTERRUPTED ge, of this city, who proposed to re- ubject to a select committee. r, of Minnesota, beat this little game, but a long and stormy debate, in which many participated. The result was perfect evi- the inside situation being as above stated, all the Convention devotees, besides ring the morning and afternoon

was at times during the day quite with but few exceptions in favor of T. Hunter, Gov. Davis, and of Virginia, are the only prominent ot sail anything. certainly, perhaps a burst up, may be

EVENING SESSION.

The Association Hall was with delegates and spectators. The Territories, and bodies are re- ation of Massachusetts, New York k Chamber of Commerce, New York ation Association, New York Cotton York Butter and Cheese Exchange, Board of Trade, etc.

legations from Illinois are Richard Charles S. Clark, of Peoria; Col. Dixon; John C. Dore, Robert Rae, of Chicago; William L. Holliday, Henderson, and Godfrey J. M. Ames, I. Pickrell, Harrison, and Colonel older, B. J. Vancourt, and William s at Large.

Minnesota, Rhode Island, Ohio, ouri, Maryland, Delaware of Virginia at large, many commer- corporate bodies; West Virginia, Geor- h Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Board of Trade, were also represented.

OF THE RAILROAD COMMITTEE. e of the report of the Railroad Com- was just finished in the reading, is iden- conclusions of the Senate Committee of the addenda thereto;

your Committee summarize their as follows: That the most perma- for the evils of our transportation sys- ation; the most effective compel- found in railroads, provided they are the people; that the improvement of our ter-courses, together with the construc- ing three canals, all of the routes were given, and all of the notes were given, and in Rockingham county, and that certain laws of a ge- r will also be found useful as auxiliaries, the construction of the above-mentioned eport of the Committee on Transportation ittees will antagonize this, and then will war.

THE UPHILL WORK OF THE DAY'S WORK division in the Convention. It is water New York represents rail, Virginia water, th both. The night's work has shown invent in a composed of a body of real, n, who are in earnest for reform, and un- overexcited now, are likely to achieve it. no more dignified convention in twenty

To the Associated Press.

Va., Dec. 1.—The American Cheap- onvention met here at 10 o'clock this President, the Hon. Josiah Quincy, in the chair. The Rev. A. M. Ki- Richmond, made an eloquent ad- which was very happily responded t. A Committee on Credentials was the Convention took a recess until noon. About seventy-five delegates and others are expected.

REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION.

Barber, of New York, read an able report on which he sketched the history of ested their relations to the people, of their construction and manage- pointed out the remedies, which were in ional laws, and control of through lines by Government. Referred to delegates of nals and trans-continental railroads, and vor of the latter. The report was referred f one from each State represented.

COMMITTEES.

were appointed on Resolutions and Re- lows:

ations—Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts; Hill, of New York; N. D. Ingersoll, of Green, of Minnesota; F. B. Rockwell, of Missouri; Gen. A. S. Pratt, of Ohio; Harrington, of Virginia; M. F. Maury, of ia; Col. I. W. Froble, of Georgia; William North Carolina; William L. Moody, of Bridges, of Illinois; Col. D. Wyatt, a; William Maxwell, of Tennessee; of Maryland; and Col. R. M. Littler, .

Josiah Quincy, of Massachusetts; F. B. New York; N. D. Ingersoll, of Colorado; of Minnesota; F. W. Conant, of Missou- of Ohio; R. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia; of West Virginia; E. L. Buckey, of Tennessee; W. L. Moody, of North Carolina; W. L. Moody, Allen, of Illinois; Col. D. W. Aiken, of ; W. M. Potter, of Iowa; William Mar- nessee; Olen Bowie, of Maryland.

mittee on Water Transportation will sub- rt to-morrow.

ENDRICKS' ADVICE.

ocracy Must Observe Moderation and Wisdom.

ial Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

, Ind., Dec. 1.—*The Herald* to-morrow f the following, written by Gov. Hendricks in this city:

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 18, 1874.

SIR: I thank you for your kind note of ich I received upon my return after an ab- week. I think your suggestions of the portance. Although the political change ed over the whole country, and appears ve, yet a reaction will surely set in if we the people in their just expectations. To success permanent, we must observe mod- d wisdom. The Republican party cannot but we can destroy ourselves.

y yours, T. A. HENDRICKS.

CASUALTIES.

BY THE BURSTING OF AN EMERY WHEEL.

ecial Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

Dec. 1.—A young man named John Hobson, ploy of the Racine Hardware Manufacturing was killed this morning about 9 o'clock by ng of an emery wheel, one of the pieces m in the head and fracturing his skull. The lived but an hour after the accident. He ed and leaves a wid'owed mother, at pres- tron of the Taylor Orphan Asylum.

PROPELLER SUNK BY ICE.

O., Dec. 1.—The propeller Rocket, of the ut Line, in coming into port this after- ut through by the ice, and sank off the dison street in 12 feet of water. She is merchandise, and has 3 to 6 feet water in Steam-pumps are at work endeavoring to

BROOKLYN SCANDAL.

of Particulars in the Court of Appeals.

N. Y., Dec. 1.—The appeal from the order klyn Court in the Tilton-Beecher suit, de- Beecher's application for a bill of particu- gued before the Court of Appeals to-day, M. Evarts and his associate counsel for r, and B. Gr A. Pryor for Mr. Tilton. The he papers.

CANADIAN ELECTION.

a, Canada, Dec. 1.—L. L. Biggar, member of for East Northumberland, who was recent- for, was to-day re-elected by an increased His opponent at the latter election was ex- the latter's favor.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP NEWS.

ew York, Dec. 1.—Arrived—Steamship Spain, Liverpool.

MAHER---FARWELL.

Judge Williams' Opinion on the Proposed Amendments to Complainant's Bill.

He Refuses to Allow Either of Them to Be Made.

A Poor Prospect for Maher.

Tuesday afternoon Judge Williams, of the Circuit Court, rendered the following decision in the case of Maher vs. Farwell et al., which, though only upon the question of the admission of two amendments to complainant's bill, is virtually a final decision of the case so far as this Court is concerned:

"THE BILL

in this case was filed Sept. 12, 1873. It is brought to obtain certain land, the equitable title of which is alleged to have been in the complainant, and which he alleged to be conveyed to Farwell in December of the year 1870, to secure Farwell for 'a debt of honor amounting to about the sum of $1,700, commonly called a gambling debt, for money won at cards, and, to cover up your orator has since discovered, won by fraudulent contrivances and devices for which said Farwell held his promissory note; that said note was due and said Farwell held his promissory note; that said note was due and said Farwell was demanding and urging the payment of the same by your orator, and that he proposed to the said Farwell to convey to him by deed in fee-simple as security for the payment of said debt, without reference to the date of payment, provided the said Farwell would pay all taxes and assessments on said lands for your orator in the meantime, and that your orator would pay said debt, rate, and assessments to said Farwell, with interest, at such a future day when convenient, and thereupon the said Farwell agreed to take the conveyance of said land, and hold it on the terms proposed. . . . And that he should hold the same in trust for your orator, subject to the payment of the aforesaid sums of money and interest.'

"The bill further alleges that five years afterwards the complainant went to Farwell and offered to pay him the amount due, but Farwell made out a bill of $1,000 and claimed above the amount actually due, and complainant, therefore, refused to pay him; that all the property has been conveyed away by Farwell to others, but the grantees are not bona-fide purchasers, and that the legal title of the property belongs to him (complainant) subject to the lien aforesaid, which your orator does not repudiate, because it was created without consideration, as a mere debt of honor, but hereby offers to pay said Farwell said gambling debt, together with all moneys due to him for taxes and assessments, or otherwise paid on said land, or to whomsoever the Court may think entitled to the same.'

"The prayer of the bill is that the present holders of the land be required to reconvey the same to him, but if this cannot be done, that Farwell may pay him its present value.

"On the hearing of the cause,

TWO AMENDMENTS

to the original bill were presented to the Court, and the complainant asked leave to file one of the two amendments offered, the complainant asking the Court if it did not allow the first to allow the second.

"Notwithstanding the novelty of the motion, I shall pass upon both amendments. The first amendment strikes out all the allegations in regard to the gambling debt, and proposes to insert in lieu thereof the statement that the complainant in December, 1869, owed Farwell $600 on a bet upon the election of Lincoln, and that besides said $600 due to Farwell there were outstanding and unpaid various notes given by the complainant at different times and for different sums to the sum of about $9,000, the names of the payees and the amounts of the several notes being unknown to the complainant, but all of the notes being given for the payment of sums of money lost by complainant by gambling in various games of chance, and that the notes held by complainant with the persons to whom said notes were given, and all of the notes were given, and in the same way the keeper of a gambling-house in Chicago, were the gambling in and by which the debts were contracted was carried on. That Farwell was well acquainted with Anderson, and knew that he held complainant's notes, and knew they were given for gambling debts; and that, on or about some day (not stated in amendment), it was agreed between Farwell and Maher that Farwell would cancel and surrender his claim, and would cause to be given up to complainant to be canceled the said promissory notes for gambling debts, which were in Anderson's hands, and said complainant would cause land to be conveyed to Farwell in fee simple; that the land was conveyed on the 14th of December, 1869, and at the same time Farwell destroyed up to complainant his $600 claim and caused that Anderson should give up to complainant to be canceled; and that Anderson was a partner of George Trussell in the gambling scheme, and the notes belonged to Anderson and Trussell.

"THE SECOND AMENDMENT

which was presented upon the hearing, and which complainant asks leave to file in case the Court should not allow the first amendment, proposes to strike out the original bill the words 'And that he should hold the same in trust for your orator, subject to the payment of the aforesaid sums of money and interest,' and insert instead thereof the allegation that Farwell held a check of complainant's for $500, given in payment of a bet upon the State election, and that the notes held by Anderson, who then kept a gambling-house in the City of Chicago, promissory notes of complainant, given at different times to different persons for various sums, the amounts of which are to complainant unknown from recollection of the same, but amounting in the aggregate to about $9,000, for which were given for money lost in gambling at Anderson's gambling-house, which was known to Farwell, and in consequence thereof Farwell refused to pay said notes, and that complainant to secure him upon such payment would convey to Farwell the land in question.

"As the proposed amendments is a material change of the allegations of the original bill, and they further widen from each other. The original bill charged that the land was conveyed to secure Farwell for a gambling debt of $1,700, for which Farwell held complainant's promissory note, and that there was no time of payment under the arrangement by which it was secured; that Farwell was to pay all taxes and assessments, and that complainant was to pay debt, taxes, and assessments at some future time when convenient to him, and when the payment was made Farwell was to reconvey the land to the complainant.

"The first amendment offered makes the consideration of the conveyance indebtment upon an election bet in the amount of $500 to Farwell, and upon notes to various persons whose names are unknown to complainant for gambling debts $9,000, which notes were owned by Anderson and Trussell, and says nothing about the payment of taxes and assessments.

"The second amendment adds to the allegation that complainant is indebted to Farwell $1,700 on a gambling debt, the further indebtedness of $500 for the money won from complainant on Lincoln election, and that Farwell's proposition was to take the land in fee simple for taxes deeds, and $5,000 to be paid by Farwell for the complainant upon the land, and to deed it back to complainant whenever it was convenient for complainant to pay Farwell's indebtedness. The amendment is are offered by the complainant after a final hearing at the proofs in the case had been closed, and for the purpose of making the pleadings conform to the evidence.

"A LIBERAL DISCRETION

is vested in the Chancellor in allowing amendments under the general chancery practice, whenever such amendments are necessary in order to produce a controversy between the pleading and the proofs, and for the purpose of attaining substantial justice. It may well be doubted whether the statute applicable to amendments of equity pleading has at all extended the larger discretion which the Chancellor, in the absence of the statute, might have exercised. Certainly not all of the chancery practice act only declared the law as to the amendment of the pleadings as it then stood, giving to the Chancellor no more discretion than he then possessed, but the section contains a provision that the amendment shall not make a complete change of the cause, unless the opposite party shall by affidavit that in consequence of the amendment he is not prepared for trial—in this respect changing the former practice.

"If, then, the evidence in this case and the inherent equity of the case demand that the pleadings should be amended, the Court can in its discretion permit the amendment even at this late day.

"WHAT, THEN, IS THE EVIDENCE

which would justify the proposed amendment? Mr. Maher, the complainant, says in his testimony that in the October of the year 1860 he gave his note to Farwell for $1,700 in a gambling-room for a gambling debt, the money being won from him by Farwell in a game of poker; that there was no other consideration for the note, and that Farwell also held his check for $500 for money won upon a bet upon Lincoln's election, which complainant lost, and that the notes and check were never paid by him; that to secure Farwell this double indebtedness he caused the property in the bill mentioned to be conveyed to him, and was to pay Farwell the debt when it came convenient, and Farwell was to reconvey to him the property. Maher also says that he cannot say whether or not the check was included in the $1,700 note, but it may have been; that his recollection of the $1,700 is very distinct, but the note may have included the check; that he never received any consideration from Mr. Farwell for the conveyance of the land other than what is above set forth, and that all the indebtedness was included in the $1,700, and he owed him nothing more; that he never gave like A and from any note; that he never gave some notes in 1864 or 1865, but never gave any prior to this transaction in 1860; that the notes he gave to Trussell were all subsequently paid to Rothgerber after Trussell died, without any question on the part of complainant.

"The above is the substance of the testimony of complainant, Maher, in reference to the consideration of the conveyance of the land described in the bill. The parties are reported over and over in direct and cross-examination, but do not materially differ as to the above facts.

"The defendant, Farwell, is the only other witness examined in relation to the consideration of the deed of the land. He was the first witness called by the complainant in his own behalf.

MR. FARWELL STATES

that the consideration of the conveyance of the land was between $3,200 and $3,500; that he (Farwell) purchased the land of Maher for that sum; that the above amount was made up by the amount of Maher's check for $500, surrendered to him at the time of the delivery of the deed, and the payment of notes of Maher's in the hands of and belonging to Isaac Anderson, which Farwell was requested by Maher to take up for him. Farwell says he took up the notes by making a joint negotiation with Anderson that they should take the land offered by Maher in extinguishment of their joint indebtedness; that the purchase was a joint one, but that he put title for Farwell for his own benefit and that of Anderson; that at the time there was no agreement as to how the land should be divided, but that Anderson delivered to Farwell the notes, and Farwell delivered both the notes and check to Maher when the latter produced the deed. Farwell says that he never knew what was the consideration of the Anderson notes, and does not remember to whom they were payable; that, after paying the taxes two or three years and the land having depreciated, a division was agreed on by which he (Farwell) took 20 acres of the poorest land, and gave Anderson a writing in the nature of a declaration of trust for the 60 acres. He says that Maher's check of $500 represented the amount of a bet which he (Farwell) won from Maher upon the election of Lincoln; that the amount of the check would have entitled him to an undivided seventh of the 80 acres, but, in consideration of his having paid the taxes for two or three years on the whole land, Anderson gave him one-fourth instead of one-seventh of the land. Mr. Farwell further says that he never held a note of Maher's for about $1,700 won at cards, and that the notes held by Anderson were not payable to Trussell. This is the substance of Farwell's testimony in reference to the character of the transaction by which he became vested with the title to the land.

"The allegations in the second amendment are sustained neither by the testimony of Farwell nor Maher. That amendment states the consideration of the conveyance to be the gambling debt of $1,700; $500 money won upon betting, both due to Farwell, and $5,000 to be paid by Farwell upon the land deed back. Farwell positively denies that there was any gambling debt of $500, and Maher more frequently, if not more positively, denies that he owed either Farwell, or Anderson, or Trussell at the time of the conveyance anything whatever, except the $1,700 note.

"The second amendment, therefore, conforms to the statement of neither witness, but is a compound of the evidence of the two, and, as the testimony of these two parties is the only testimony in the case and reference to the consideration of the deed, and the two witnesses directly contradict each other in most essential particulars,

BY NO RULE OF CHANCERY PRACTICE

can this amendment at this stage of the case be allowed. The first amendment is framed to meet a part of the evidence given by Farwell. But the bill as proposed to be altered by said amendment differs in material respects from the testimony of Maher and Farwell. Farwell says the conveyance was an absolute sale to him in payment of his $500 check, and to him in trust for Anderson in payment of the amount of the Anderson notes; while Maher, in his bill, even if amended as he proposed in the second amendment, that the grantees of the land well knew at the time said conveyances were made the circumstances under which said deed was given to said Farwell by your orator, and that the same was intended merely as security for a gambling debt.

"If the amendment stated the testimony of Farwell precisely as he gave it, it won d be dimeni to see upon what principle the allowance of the first amendment could be refused. An amendment is granted at the final hearing, because the plaintiff has in his pleadings imperfectly or incorrectly stated his own case, not because he has imperfectly or incorrectly stated the case of his adversary.

"Farwell was the first witness called by Maher, and, after having been examined and cross-examined, and then re alled by complainant, adhered to the statement that his consideration of the deed was the $500 check and the indebtedness of Anderson of about $3,000 on certain promissory notes of Maher's held by him, and that the sale was an absolute sale for about the sum of $3,500.

"Maher, with Farwell's testimony present in his memory, denies under oath repeatedly that he owed Anderson any money at the date of the deed, and that the only consideration of the conveyance was the $1,700 note given by him to Farwell for a gambling debt, and that it was not a sale of the property, but only a mortgage.

"He certainly comes with a bad grace into a court of equity to ask it to amend his pleadings in order that it may render him a decree upon testimony which he asserts and reasserts under the solemnity of his oath as false and perhaps perjured.

"The complainant and Farwell have

DIRECTLY AND POSITIVELY CONTRADICTED EACH other

about facts testified to by them, and by no other material witness,—material facts in this case,—and yet the complainant asks a court of equity to reject his own testimony, and ignore his repeated denials of the truth of Farwell's statement of the facts (all of which the complainant has made under oath), and accept the truth of so much of Farwell's statement as might enable the Court to grant a decree in the case, throwing aside the rest of his testimony.

"How can complainant ask the Court to accept as true a statement which he, with a full knowledge of all the facts, states to be false? And this is the position which the complainant in proposing his first amendment occupies.

"For if, after the amendment was allowed, the Court could upon the evidence grant no decree upon the bill as amended, then the allowance of the amendment would be a useless act. If the first proposed amendment were allowed, the bill would be open to the Chancellor to render a decree upon the amended bill? The most material allegations in it would be denied positively by Maher, and supported by the evidence of Farwell. It is oath against oath, born being equally credible, though interested, witnesses; neither witness being impeached or corroborated by the testimony of any other witness, or by circumstantial evidence.

"To accept the statement of Mr. Farwell as the truth, the Court must reject the sworn testimony of Mr. Maher, with the evidence of Mr. Farwell fresh in his mind in regard to a transaction of which they are the only two living witnesses, about which they both professed to have a distinct remembrance, and to which they have each positively contradicted the other. Both cannot be right. One may be perjured. If upon such testimony the Court should render a decree, how is it to determine whether the decree is based upon perjured testimony, or whether granted on a perjured oath?

"It is clear that, under such circumstances, a court could grant no decree to the complainant, and, therefore,

OUGHT NOT TO GRANT THE AMENDMENT.

"There is yet another reason why, upon the bill, as proposed to be changed under the first amendment, the Court ought not to grant a decree. The original bill states its excuse for complainant's laches that, in 1865 or 1866, Maher made a request to Farwell that he should reconvey to him the land, and offered to pay him the amount then due him. This allegation is stricken out by the proposed amendment, and the amended bill shows a case in which land was conveyed in 1860, and the grantee, Farwell, to whom the complainant allowed it to remain in the possession of the defendant Farwell, or his grantees, without paying or offering to pay what the complainant with a morbid nerve by all means upon regarding as a debt, and which he in his bill offers to pay, and without paying or offering to pay one cent of the taxes and assessments yearly levied upon the land. In these years the land has greatly appreciated in value, and no valid excuse is presented for complainant's laches.

"For the reasons above set forth, the first and second amendments are both rejected."

At the conclusion of the opinion, the Court suggested that it would be well for the parties to enter an order dismissing both the original and the cross bill. Mr. Hunter, counsel on behalf of Mr. Perkins, one of defendants in the original suit, objected, on the ground that the evidence in the case would stand as a cloud on his client's title to the land. He wanted an affirmative decision on the cross suit.

After some little conversation as to when the arguments in the suit should be heard, it was agreed by counsel that briefs be prepared upon which the Court could base his decision.

A Conductor's Dog.

From the Dubuque Times.

A conductor on one of the trains of the C., D. & M. Road had, until a couple of days since, a Scotch terrier dog, which was his inseparable companion, and accompanied his master with unfailing regularity on all trips, the conductor going up to the north end of the line one day and back the next. The dog had his place in the baggage-car, and kept it all the time the train was in motion, but when the train stopped at a station he would step out and take a look at things, and when the bell rang he would resume his place in the car. He understood all the signals as well as any of the men, and when the whistle sounded "cattle on the track," the dog would rush to the steps of the car and join his notes of warning with those of the whistle. Just this side of Guttenburg a year ago, while barking at the cattle from the steps of the car, he fell overboard, and it was supposed that he had been killed. The next morning however, when his master's train returned to Guttenburg, "Scipio" was there and jumped on board as if nothing had happened. He seemed to understand the time of the arrival and departure of his train, for many times when he has been absent at the house his master has found him waiting at the depot. A couple of days since, however, he met his death. The whistle had sounded a cattle alarm, and he rushed to the platform, as usual. Just then the brakes were suddenly applied, giving the car a jerk that threw poor "Scipio" from his feet and he rolled down between the cars and was killed. He had scarcely missed a train in three years and was a general favorite all along the line of road.

Canine Sagacity.

Michael Conley, the sewer-contractor, is the possessor of four greyhounds, which were the other morning the means of saving a man's life, displaying a remarkable degree of sagacity in the operation. Felix Prior and James Carroll were at work in an excavation about 7 feet deep; but about 9:30 o'clock Carroll went away for something, leaving Prior in the excavation alone, and while the latter was at work the banks caved in, completely covering him up. The dogs happened to be near by, and all four of them, taking in the unfortunate man's situation, at once began to scratch away the dirt from over his head vigorously, at the same time yelping to attract the attention of the neighbors. Mr. Conley, who was the first to arrive upon the scene, drove his dogs away, but they returned and began to dig and yelp again. He then began to dig also, as did some of the neighbors who had been attracted to the spot by the cries of the hounds, and it was not long before the head of the buried man, who was standing up, was reached, and he was permitted once more to breathe the air, which had he been deprived of it a few moments longer, he never would have breathed again. He was taken from the sewer unharmed, rescued from the horrible fate through the sagacity of a quartette of dogs.—*East Greenwich (R. I.) Leader.*

ATTEMPTED BRIBERY.

Effort to Induce a Grain Inspector to Make False Returns.

The Alleged Criminal Arrested and Held for Examination.

Statement of Mr. Preston.

A case of unusual interest, as affecting the reputation for fairness and integrity of the grain market of Chicago, came before Justice of the Peace D'Wolf yesterday morning, being a charge of attempted bribery of a Grain Inspector by John T. Allen, an employe of Spruance & Preston, grain shippers and brokers. The arrest and arraignment of Allen was in pursuance of the prompt action of Chief Grain Inspector Harper, to whose notice the attempted bribery was brought.

THE ANNEXED AFFIDAVIT

of the principal complaining witness against the accused will best explain the nature and circumstances of the charge:

"Nathaniel B. Irwin, being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that he is the Second Assistant Grain Inspector in the City of Chicago, duly appointed and confirmed by the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners of the State of Illinois, and as such Inspector has served and been in office since July 1, 1871. Deponent further says that, under and in pursuance of an act of the General Assembly of the State of Illinois entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate public warehouses and inspection of grain, and to give effect to Art. 13 of the Constitution of the State, approved April 25, 1871, and in force July 1, 1871, and to establish a Committee of Appeal, and to prescribe their duties,' the following oaths, to-wit:

"'SECTION 1. That the Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners shall establish a proper number and standard of grades for the inspection of grain, and may alter or change the same from time to time; provided, no modification or change of grades shall be made, or any new ones established, without public notice being given of such contemplated changes for at least twenty days prior thereto, by publication in three daily newspapers, printed in each city, containing warehouses of grade "A," and provided that no mention of old and new grades, even designated by the same name or distinction, shall be permitted while in store.'

"And deponent further says that, under and pursuant to said last-mentioned statute, said Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners did adopt a proper number and standard of grades for the inspection of grain, which went into force and operation on July 15, 1874, and which ever since has been and now is in full force and operation. And deponent further says that heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 21 day of November, 1874, while he was such Grain Inspector and public officer, acting as such and engaged in the business of inspecting all corn received on the Illinois Central Railroad track, in the City of Chicago, he received from some person unknown to him a letter in the words and figures following, to-wit:

"'[P.rivate.]

"'CLIFTON HOUSE, CHICAGO, Nov. 25, 1874.

"'MR. IRVING—DEAR SIR: I want you to send this through, and not jump at conclusions too hastily. I am sending in a large amount of corn here, and if cant corn would inspect old instead of new corn there is no money in it. Inspected and sold this new corn is really better than the old, so there can be no *trouble* from your inspection. This is between us two. I will send you on a slip of paper the number and initial of the cars I want *inspected out, and for every car that does*, I will send you through Van Hoot-Ochre, without name, a *five dollar bill*. Will have from five to twenty cars daily. This, you see, is no robbery; but, if the cars go new, you get nothing, if old, five dollars per car. Now, see if you will not pay you; or into each car I will put a *piece of fat* or *shingle*, and will know every day how it goes, and you will receive your money daily. *No questions asked, or any answered.*'

"Such said letter was unsigned, and, as deponent is informed, and believes, was written and instigated, and forwarded to deponent, by one John T. Allen, in the City of Chicago, in Cook County, Ill.; and that the same was inclosed in an envelope addressed as follows:

"'Clifton House, Chicago. Private Business.

"'Mr. Irwin, Assistant Grain Inspector, Elevator B,' 'Chicago.'

"And deponent further says that on the morning of the 27th of November, 1874, the said John T. Allen called upon deponent in his office on the Illinois Central Railroad track, in the City of Chicago, where one O. L. Parker, a Grain Inspector, was present, and stated to said Parker that he was looking after some cars of grain; that he had notice of cars coming in, and he wanted to see the Inspector; the said Parker said to said Allen that he (Parker) was an Inspector; that said Parker finally referred him to M. B. Irwin, the deponent.

"Whereupon the said Allen said: 'Oh, yes, Irwin is the man.' That said Allen thereupon came to deponent and said that he expected some cars of grain, and thereupon deponent took down on a slip of paper a number of cars as follows: 06326, 6313, 041, 04115, 429, 0117, 6360, 0115, 0360, and 764.

"And deponent further says that all of the cars numbered as aforesaid arrived in Chicago, No. 6360 and 0115 delivered on the 26th of November, and the others on the 30th of November, except No. 6360, and were duly inspected, all containing new corn, and were inspected as such. And deponent further says that each of said cars, so having arrived, contained a piece of *shingle* and a piece of *fat*.

"And deponent says that the said Allen informed the said Parker that the grain was consigned to Spruance, Preston & Co., but that he (Allen) and the said Parker had nothing to do with it. And deponent says he has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and he complains, that the said John T. Allen instigated or sent the said letter to deponent as such Grain Inspector and officer as aforesaid, and that the same was an attempt on the part of said Allen to bribe deponent, as such officer, to inspect certain new corn, which should come to him for inspection, as old corn, contrary to the fact, and the order and determination of said Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners, and in violation of said act of the said State, and of the law in addition to criminality.

"That this deponent, upon the above information coming to his knowledge, immediately reported the same to William H. Harper, Chief Grain Inspector, and deponent says that the said John T. Allen is now charging said Allen with attempting to bribe a public officer in the discharge of his duty. B. B. IRWIN.

"Subscribed and sworn to this 30th day of November, 1874.

CALVIN D'WOLF, J. P."

APPEARING FOR THE PRISONER.

The defendant, accompanied by counsel, appeared before Justice D'Wolf yesterday, and entered a plea of "Not guilty." Chief Grain Inspector Harper had retained the services of James F. Joy to assist in the prosecution. The defendant expressed himself as anxious to proceed at once with the examination, but his counsel insisted that time was necessary in which to prepare for the investigation, and a continuance of the case was set for this forenoon at 11 o'clock, bail in the sum of $3,000 being required. It was promptly forthcoming, Sir. J. W. Preston furnishing the surety.

As stated in the affidavit of Irwin, suspicion points toward Allen as the author of the anonymous letter, and the prosecution express confidence that they have a strong case. It is stated, on their side, that the action of Allen in going to the office of Inspector Harper and making a statement to the effect that he had received a letter from a person unknown to him, and which he thought he knew what it was about, and the conversation ended, impressing me with the notion that he was one of those smart country operators who are well posted in grain and up to all sorts of tricks. Allen was to handle Morton's consignments, which we would not have received if Allen had not been here to look after them, as we don't like to bother with that class of business, it being out of our line. I thought no more of the matter until I heard of Allen's arrest on the charge of attempted bribery. Allen has always borne a first-class reputation both in Chicago and Cincinnati, and, with my present information on the subject, I am free to say that I don't believe that he knowingly lent himself to the scheme of fraudulent inspection. I believe that Morton wrote that anonymous letter, and that Allen knew nothing about the order of $5 per car when he went to look after the grain. If I had known that this prosecution was on foot, I would have had Morton in Chicago if I had to telegraph him that his mother was dead. He's the real rascal, depend upon it."

In whatever way the affair may result, it should not fail of exercising a beneficial effect, as demonstrating to the grain-shippers of the Northwest the ability and determination on the part of the Inspection Bureau of Chicago to detect and punish any attempt to tamper with grain inspection in this market.

Manitoba.

A correspondent of the Montreal *Herald*, writing from the Winnipeg, gives some account of the rapid growth of that city, and of the surprising development of Manitoba generally, which show that before many years the Prairie City will rise to a foremost rank among the rich and prosperous communities of the Dominion. In Winnipeg itself are no less than 120 establishments for manufacture or trade, 17 hotels, 6 schools, and 6 churches; property is rapidly advancing in value, building is very active, and the population is still on the increase, numbering about 5,000 souls. Trade is flourishing, and extending to the various half-breed settlements on the Saskatchewan, up which river the first steamer passed last summer. Colonization also is going forward, large tracts of land having been selected by the agents of Scotch, Irish, German, and Ontario societies, while the Mennonites, who recently took up their abode in the neighborhood of the city, are enthusiastic over the prospects of their adopted country. Railway enterprises are going rapidly forward, too, and altogether it is no wonder that Manitobans are exulting over the progress of their Capital and their province, and that, favored as they are by many natural advantages, they hope to become formidable rivals of some of the older provinces.

TO RENT---HOUSES.

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TO RENT—FURNISHED HOUSE, 679 MICHIGAN-av., 12 rooms, $100. Apply to R. H. FLEMING, Room 14, 156 Washington-st.

TO RENT—A NICELY-FURNISHED HOUSE, 14 rooms, kitchen and dining-room on first floor. Inquire on premises, 1 Ashland-pl.

TO RENT—3-STORY HOUSE, ON ADAMS-ST., 8 rooms, cheap. DAVIS & PIKE, Room 2, 123 Dearborn-st.

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SOCIETY MEETINGS.

HESPERIA LODGE, No. 411, A. F. & A. M.—The members are hereby notified to attend the regular communication, to be held at the hall, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 2, at 7½ o'clock, for the payment of annual dues. C. H. BRENAN, Sec.

The Chicago Tribune.

Wednesday Morning, December 2, 1874.

Gen. Butler, it is said, has determined to force a yea and nay vote on the Civil-Rights bill early next week. We imagine that Gen. Butler will not find it so easy to "force" things as he once did.

They now talk of substituting the Hoar Educational bill for the Civil-Rights bill. The Hoar Educational bill provides,—everybody will find out what it provides, if it ever comes up for serious consideration.

Jay Cooke's estate is turning out worse than anybody expected. The creditors are thoroughly discouraged. It seems that preferred claims have been allowed sufficient to consume the bulk of the assets.

The railroad employes now out on a strike prevented the departure of trains on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, from Huntington, W. Va., yesterday; and there is some prospect of hot work to-day. The Company is in arrears of wages to the men, and they have taken this means of recovering some of the money due them. It is not a strike to waste much virtuous indignation upon.

President MacMahon's message will not be presented to the French Assembly before Thursday. It is now being reviewed in the Cabinet, where it is acting upon the Ministers rather than being acted upon by them. It has already given rise to what the press correspondent describes as "an agitated discussion"; and it may be that more terrible extremities are yet to be reached.

New York editors are pretty thoroughly alarmed about "the danger to the metropolis" occasioned by the extension of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to Chicago. They may make something becomingly awful for their readers out of the rumor, to which we give publicity elsewhere, that the Baltimore & Ohio Company contemplate the establishment of an ocean steamship line.

The arrest of Mr. John T. Allen yesterday, on a charge of attempting to bribe an inspector of grain, should assure country merchants and farmers of the honesty of the inspection system in this city. There is some doubt of Mr. Allen's guilt, suspicion resting upon the consignor of the grain; but it is a good testimonial to the integrity of Inspector Harper's office that the bribe was promptly rejected, and the person understood to have made it arrested.

The Cheap Transportation Convention at Richmond, Va., accomplished nothing of much consequence yesterday. There is open hostility between those delegates who favor the building of a cheap freight railway and those who are committed to the James River & Kanawha Canal project. There is reason to expect a fruitless session, which is the more to be regretted as the representation in the Convention is both respectable and intelligent.

A substitute for the famous Little Tariff bill, which was killed at the last session of Congress by the efforts of Congressmen representing the tobacco interest, has been prepared by the Committees now sitting in Washington. Doubtless the people will become familiar enough with these familiar phrases—"the cotton interest," and "the tobacco interest"—before the session of 1875-76 is ended. This winter will give only a foretaste of what may be expected from the Democratic House.

Members of Congress committed to the policy of expanding the currency, and the "debtor-class" generally, will be delighted to hear that the an organization known as the United Order of Workingmen has been formed throughout the country; that it has 74,000 lodges; and that it has determined to use all its influence in favor of Inflation-legislation. For a society so extended, and which claims to be so respectable, the United Workingmen's Order keeps remarkably quiet. Its influence, probably, is nothing to speak of.

In the Gage trial at Waukegan yesterday, the prosecution virtually made up its case, and the examination of witnesses for the defense was begun. The drift of the day's work was to show that Mr. Gage had admitted a defalcation to several persons. Some amiable expressions of endearment passed between Messrs. Smith and Dexter, who, indeed, are becoming famous for tenderness and softness of manner. They ought to remember that there is such a thing as too much suavity in the treatment of a solemn and awful subject.

The Chicago produce markets were generally weak yesterday, with a fair business doing. Mess pork was active and 40@45c per brl lower, closing firm at $19.80@19.90 cash, and $20.55@20.60 seller February. Lard was active and 30@35c per 100 lbs lower, closing firm at $13.25 cash, and $13.65 for February. Meats were quiet and easier, at 7c for shoulders, 9 3-4c for short ribs, and 10c for short clears. Highwines were active and closed 1-2c higher, at 97 1-2c per gallon. Flour was dull and unchanged. Wheat was less active and 1c lower, closing at 90 3-4c cash, and 91 3-4c for January. Corn was in moderate request and weak, closing at 72 1-4c cash, and 71 3-4c seller the year. Oats were dull and 1c lower, closing at 51 1-2c cash, and 51 5-8c for January. Rye was quiet and firm at 95@95 1-2c. Barley was in better demand and firmer, closing at $1.23@1.23 1-2 cash, and $1.24 1-2 for January. On Saturday evening last there was in store in this city 962,019 bu wheat, 696,775 bu corn, 236,870 bu oats, 33,591 bu rye, and 266,967 bu barley. Cattle were dull and weak. Hogs were in excessive supply, and declined 10@20c. Sales at $6.50@7.40 for common to choice. Sheep were steady.

A few days ago we alluded to the fact that an infamous bill intended to reduce the blacks of Texas to a condition of peonage had passed one House of the Legislature of that State. It now appears that the new Democratic code of Georgia, as recently amended, contains a provision which is intended to serve the same purposes as the Texas law. The amendment is as follows:

> In all cases where persons are convicted of a misdemeanor and sentenced to work in a chain-gang on public works or public roads, or when such persons are confined in jail for non-payment of fines imposed for such misdemeanor, ordinary of the county, then, where there is a Board of Commissioner of Roads and Revenues of the county, said Board of Commissioners in those counties where there is a County Judge where such conviction was had, or where such convicts may be confined, may place such convicts in the county or elsewhere to work upon such public works of the county in chain-gangs or otherwise, or hire out such convicts upon such terms and restrictions as may subserve the ends of justice, and place such convicts under such guards as may be necessary for their safe keeping.

Under such a law as this the black man can be virtually reduced to a condition of servitude. He can be removed from one county to another and hired out to his old master, who has the means of making his servitude as long as he may choose. The Georgia bill is in every way as infamous as the Texas bill, and was drawn up for the same purpose,—that is, of obtaining compensation for the loss of slave property and labor.

Gov. Hendricks has written to a friend in St. Louis that "a political reaction will surely set in if we [the Democratic party] disappoint the people." There is a truism worthy of Hendricks. The Governor says further: "In order to make our success permanent, we must observe moderation and prudence. The Republican party cannot destroy us, but we can destroy ourselves." The Governor deals well in empty vessels. His words have sound. They are sonorous and booming; but they are not distinguished for expression. Let them be fairly paraphrased, and we shall have Gen. Hendricks speak something like this: "If we are fools, we cannot govern the United States long. We constitute a body indestructible save by itself." Hendricks would not say that; or, if he did, he would never be a Democratic candidate for the Presidency.

A RETURN TO HONEST MONEY.

The information from Washington to the effect that the President in his message to Congress, and the Secretary of the Treasury in his annual report on the finances, will both take strong grounds in favor of fixing a definite date for the resumption of specie payments, will have a wide-spread and beneficial influence upon the national credit. Necessarily in such a declaration there is implied an assurance that there will be no further increase of irredeemable currency. There can be nothing so calculated to strengthen our national credit in all parts of the world as an assurance of a purpose on the part of the National Government to return to honest money, honest dealings, and honest credit. There have been incessant efforts made since the close of the Civil War to repudiate the public debt and impair the public credit. There have been ably-written essays published to show that all War debts ought to be repudiated. The late Isaac Butts, of Rochester, N. Y., an able and influential man in the Democratic party, published a voluminous document against the payment of the War debt, and Andrew Johnson, when President of the United States, always insisted, and now insists, that, when the United States shall have paid in interest a sum equal to the principal of the debt, the principal should be declared paid. Mr. Pendleton, of Ohio, has attacked the public credit by the same remarkable proposition in another form. His plan was to discharge the bonded and interest-bearing debt by forcing upon the public creditors national currency not bearing interest, redeemable at no time, and issued under a general indication that it was eventually to be repudiated. This plan has been the favorite one with a large portion of the Democratic party, and, unfortunately, there have been Republicans who have thought it necessary to meet this demagogism by proposing to do the very same thing. To the credit of the American press it should be stated that, with very few exceptions, it has from the beginning opposed all the schemes of repudiation, and has maintained the necessity for good faith and honest dealing with the public creditors, and the early abandonment of the rotten paper-money system. Congress has repeatedly given national assurance that the debt should be paid in the world's recognized currency, but despite all this the opposition has carried on its war upon the public credit. Indirectly this war has been encouraged by the extravagant expenditures of Congress, necessitating the continuance of excessive taxation.

The time has come when the nation can no longer rightfully defer the adoption of a decisive and permanent financial policy. When the coming session of Congress will close on the 4th of March, there will also close the tenth year of peace after the War. The national credit, under the hope of a resumption of specie payments, has not been able to raise the value of greenbacks above 90 cents on the dollar, and even this value is exposed to constant and evil fluctuations. It is time that this national reproach should be removed. At the last session, before the elections, the demagogues of all parties made an effort to expand and dilute the currency, and still further break down the national credit; but this effort was defeated by the firm stand taken by the President, whose views upon the subject, as expressed by him, arrested the attention and commanded the respect of all thinking and honest men in all countries. Wherever there were politicians brave enough to assert the truth, they met people prompt to sustain them. In this city all six candidates for Congress were "hard-money men," and the whole people of both sides sustained them. Even down in Egypt, Mr. Morrison, a Democrat, who had defied the party leaders and declared for solvent currency and against irredeemable greenbacks, was sustained by an increased vote. Mr. Burchard, a Republican member from the Freeport District, who was on record for hard money, was triumphantly re-elected. In Indiana, Mr. Kerr, a Democrat, who repudiated the repudiation-greenback doctrines of his party convention, though opposed by a combination of irredeemable greenbackers, was elected, and finds himself prominent among the statesmen of the country. It is always a mistake for politicians to assume that a majority of the people are dishonest, or that they want to avoid the payment of the national debt, or that they are deceived as to the real character of the dishonest paper money. Any party or men who act upon the theory that a majority of the people are lacking in intelligence or wanting in honesty, must come to grief. The stand taken by the President in 1874 in favor of a return to specie payments, and in opposition to a debasement by expansion of the currency, was heartily approved by the great mass of the people. It was the first firm protest against the wild sophisms of the currency demagogues. It was a practical appeal for a return to honest money, reduced expenditures, and decreased taxation, that the credit of the nation at home and abroad might be vindicated and re-established.

The country, therefore, will now learn with satisfaction that the President and the Secretary of the Treasury have not changed their views, but have been confirmed and strengthened in them by the events of the last year. This position by the Executive on this all-important question should have the effect of putting an end, for two years at least, to all agitation of repudiation measures, and, if Congress should co-operate with the President at this session, will end the controversy by fixing a precise date when the rule of paper money shall end and that of honest money be re-established.

RETURN OF THE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

The action of the Executive Committee of the National Board of Underwriters in referring to individual companies the question of taking risks in Chicago will be acceptable to persons owning property here. It was not absolutely necessary to the welfare of the city that the Executive Committee should do anything whatever. Chicago could do tolerably, for a time, without the companies which had withdrawn, and eventually all of them would have returned of their own motion. But we are glad to have the companies back in a body, and with the full concurrence of the National Board, as much for the recompense such a formal return will be for the damage inflicted upon the city's credit and reputation by the withdrawal of the companies, as for the benefits to be immediately derived from an increased supply of good and cheap insurance. We do not care to be too gracious with the insurance companies engaged in this strike or with the insurance agents. At the time of the insurance exodus we said that a dastardly blow had been aimed at the credit of the city, and we have since had no reason to alter the opinion then expressed. It is no thanks to the insurance companies that the blow was feeble and ineffectual, for the conception and execution of their stroke showed an intention to wound. It is this intention which is now become the chief offense. The people of Chicago understand that underwriting is a regular business, prosecuted to make money. They would not have raised any objection to the decent and orderly withdrawal of companies which were not satisfied with their business in Chicago. The concerted action of the National Board was neither decent nor orderly. It was an interference of foreign interests with the internal affairs of a city, and in the manner of its execution was, as we have said, dastardly.

Viewing the action of the National Board, from the passage of the September resolution to the resolution of yesterday, we have no reason to be grateful to it. The reasons for the withdrawal of the companies were probably suggested and enforced by the arguments of New York merchants, who have a peculiar warfare to maintain with wholesale dealers in Chicago, and who chose this ungenerous method of gaining an advantage. Business took the insurance companies away; want of business brought them back; the necessities of business compel us to treat them as if they had never been away. We may add, that common-sense requires the same conduct of us. Who is there so foolish as to become angry with a corporation, or who cares to leave houses or merchandise unprotected, or unsufficiently protected, in order to fill a small measure of revenge? There is probably no such person in Chicago; if there is, he will grow wiser with experience, or become a beggar without it.

The present condition of the city as regards means of extinguishing fires is better than it was three months ago; but not to such a degree better as to warrant the return of the companies, if they had no other inducements. Some large-sized water-pipes have been laid; a few buildings have been provided with iron shutters; and good intentions have been given to the City Government through the Citizens' Association. In general, it may be said that the improvement is moral rather than material. The people have learned the danger of playing with fire, and the municipal authorities the danger of trifling with the people. The reorganization of the Fire Department has been determined upon, and the water-service will be enlarged with the return of warm weather. But the Fire Department is under the same control as at the time of the exodus; and a change in the administration does not seem within the range of possibilities as long as the People's Party has the majority of the Cook County delegation to the Legislature. We do believe and hope, however, that the work of reform which has but just commenced will be wisely and vigorously conducted to the very end. Gen. Shaler has made a careful examination of the premises on which reform must be based, and has submitted some of his conclusions to the Board of Fire Commissioners. That body can, if they will, secure from the Common Council the adoption of his recommendation, with some curtailment, perhaps, of those least necessary. Then the people can watch and pray—especially watch—to prevent frauds by the disbursing-officers; and, for the rest, they can pay taxes cheerfully and promptly.

THE SALARY-GRABBERS.

The House of the Forty-second Congress, guilty of the salary-grab, contained 243 members, 122 of whom had already been elected to serve in the Forty-third Congress. The elections this year, therefore, to the Forty-fourth Congress have afforded the people their first general opportunity to settle with the grabbers, and that they have done so in a most satisfactory manner the following details will show. Of the original salary-grabbers, of whom 185 in the membership of the House of the Forty-second Congress pocketed the back-pay, only *seventeen* have been elected to the House in the next Congress, as follows:

Banks, of Mass.,	Rainey, of S. C.,
Buffinton, of Mass.,	*Randall*, of Pa.,
Congar, of Mich.,	Stowell, of Va.,
Darrall, of La.,	*Terry*, of Va.,
Duanell, of Minn.,	*Waddell*, of N. C.,
Hancock, of Texas,	Wallace, of S. C.,
Harris, of Va.,	Wood, of N. Y.—17.
Hays, of Ala.,	Republicans, 10,
Kelley, of Pa.,	Democrats, 6,
Packer, of Pa.,	Independent, 1.

The aggregate "grab" in back-pay, by the Forty-second Congress, was about $1,180,000, of which some $240,000 subsequently found its way again into the United States Treasury. Of forty-nine members of the House who contributed to this conscience-fund eighteen have been elected to the next Congress, as follows:

Burchard, of Ill.,	*Kerr*, of Ind.,
Cox, of N. Y.,	McCrary, of Iowa,
Eames, of R. I.,	Monroe, of Ohio,
Ely, of N. Y.,	Rusk, of Wis.,
Farwell, of Ill.,	*Swann*, of Md.,
Foster, of Ohio,	Townsend, of Pa.,
Frye, of Maine,	Waldron, of Mich.,
Garfield, of Ohio,	Wheeler, of N. Y.—18.
Hale, of Maine,	Republicans, 13.
Holman, of Ind.,	Democrats, 5.

As several of the refunders (notably, Poland, of Vt.,) put back their shares in an ungracious manner, unsatisfactory to the people, they were not profited thereby in the canvass for re-election. Nevertheless, the proportion of eighteen re-elected out of forty-nine, as compared with the proportion of grabbers re-elected, is marked enough to show the temper of the people towards them. There was still another class of members who donated their shares of the grab to educational or charitable uses, and out of nine such the people have re-elected five, viz:

Bright, of Tenn.,	*Whitthorne*, of Tenn.—5.
Hereford, of W. Va.,	Republicans, 1.
Hoar, of Mass.,	Democrats, 4.
Weiss, of Mo.,	

The three lists above given comprise forty members of the House in the Forty-second Congress who are elected to the House in the Forty-fourth Congress. Of the remainder of that old House full 200 members may be considered to have been put out of public life to stay out. Several were defeated at the polls; a larger number were defeated in primary elections; and a still larger number dropped out before the canvass began as unavailable candidates. Of the original salary-grabbers beaten at the polls we have a list of fifteen names (in which we include Mr. Poland's), as follows:

Acker, of Pa.,	Platt, of Va.,
Butler, of Mass.,	Poland, of Vt.,
Butler, of Tenn.,	Sloss, of Ala.,
Cobb, of N. C.,	Stevenson, of Ohio,
Harmer, of Pa.,	Sypher, of La.,
Marshall, of Ill.,	Whiteley, of Ga.—15.
Morey, of La.,	Republicans, 12.
Myers, of Pa.,	Democrats, 2.
Negley, of Pa.,	Independent, 1.

The members of the Forty-second Congress not members of the Forty-third were, with rare exceptions, deemed unavailable as candidates of either or any party in the late elections. The stigma of the salary-grab attached to all of them; and a candidate who, at best, has constantly to explain that he "didn't do it," is difficult to carry in any canvass. In the following list of forty-five persons (salary-grabbers) who will disappear from the public service at the end of this winter's session, we therefore give the names only of such as were members of the Forty-second Congress, who had been re-elected to the Forty-third before indulging in the grab, who pocketed their shares of the grab more or less defiantly, whose boast it was that the "storm would soon blow over," and who, in the last campaign, were put out or dropped out. These all died and made no sign:

Adams, of Ky.,	*Mitchell*, of Wis.,
Archer, of Md.,	*Niblack*, of Ind.,
Arthur, of Ky.,	Orr, of Is.,
Averill, of Minn.,	Packard, of Ind.,
Beck, of Ky.,	Parker, of Mo.,
Bonham, of Mo.,	*Read*, of Ky.,
Crossland, of Ky.,	*Robinson*, of Ill.,
Dawes, of Mass.,	Shanks, of Ind.,
Donnan, of Ia.,	Sheldon, of La.,
Durell, of N. Y.,	Shoemaker, of Pa.,
Eldredge, of Wis.,	Smith, of N. Y.,
Giddings, of Tex.,	Snyder, of Ark.,
Havens, of Mo.,	*Speer*, of Pa.,
Hazelton, of N. J.,	Sprague, of O.,
Herndon, of Tex.,	St. John, of N. Y.,
Hooper, of Mass.,	*Storms*, of Pa.,
Kendall, of Nev.,	Thomas, of N. C.,
Kitlinger, of Pa.,	Tyner, of Ind.,
Lamison, of O.,	Williams, of Ind.,
Lamport, of N. Y.,	Wilson, of Ind.,
Lansing, of N. Y.,	*Young*, of Ga.—45.
Leach, of N. C.,	Republicans, 26.
Lowe, of Kan.,	Democrats, 19.
McJunkin, of Pa.,	

The list is not complete only because the elections to the Forty-fourth Congress are not complete. Several members whose names should go in one or another of the above classes are waiting for the verdict as to them, personally, in the elections of New Hampshire, Connecticut, California, and Mississippi, next to occur. Enough is known and here given, however, to show that Ben Butler's invention of a "raise all around" only raised the very mischief all around. Another Congress will not be found, very soon, to go into the salary-grab business.

THE REINCORPORATION PETITION.

The Reincorporation Petition has taken the direction in the Common Council which we have all along indicated it would. Three distinct reports were made upon it Monday evening, and these three reports were ordered to be laid over. This virtually means that the Council has shelved the petition, and leaves the Citizens' Association with no means of redress except through the courts. While the tax-payers of this city can have but one feeling concerning the manner in which their wishes have been treated by the Council, it is worth while to state some of the objections which are urged against it, and which, it is claimed, will warrant the policy of letting the matter rest for the present.

One objection which has considerable influence is the fact that under the new charter there would be a shrinkage of the number of wards, as the city would be redistricted with eighteen wards. As population, not property, governs ward representation, there would be an increased representation of the non-tax-paying class and a decreased representation of property. The First, Second, and Third Wards, with their enormous accumulation of taxable property, would probably be consolidated into one ward, having but two members instead of six to protect the property interests. The Fifteenth Ward, in the Rolling-Mill district, and the Bridgeport Ward would be divided into two or three wards each, thus giving the class who pay but comparatively little taxes a greatly-increased representation. The Seventh and Eighth Wards would possibly be subdivided, and the Twelfth and Thirteenth would probably be consolidated. The general effect of this necessary shrinkage would be to abolish two or three of the South Side wards and one of the North Side wards entirely, and give the small and non-tax-payers the control of twelve wards. The influence of the tax-paying element in representation, it is claimed, would almost disappear, and the protection of property interests would be in the hands of men who have little or no interests in property. The bummer element, it is asserted, would have full sweep, and permanently control the administration of municipal affairs.

In addition to this, there are other serious alleged defects in the law itself which are urged with much force. It does not provide for giving the appointing power to the Mayor, but to the Common Council. It provides that the Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the Common Council, which is absurd from the fact that it crowds too much work upon the Mayor, and, in three cases out of four, the Mayor may not be a parliamentarian at all. The only competent presiding officer is the best parliamentarian in the Council. Another section provides that the "Mayor at any time shall have power to remove officials appointed by *him*." This section limits him to the removal of his own appointees, and not of those appointed by his predecessor, who may be left in office when he retires. However bad or obnoxious they may be, he has no power to remove them, as they were not appointed by him. Another section provides that "The Common Council may from time to time provide for election by voters, or appointment by the Mayor, of a City Collector, Marshal, Superintendent of Streets, Corporation Counsel, City Comptroller, and such other officers as may be deemed necessary." This section could only lead, it is argued, to the worst possible results. It would place the Mayor at the mercy of corrupt rings in the Council. If he should happen to be a subservient and pliant tool, he would be allowed to make the appointments, of course at their dictation. If he were an independent man, the appointing power would be taken away from him and the ward caucuses would select the city officials. It would open up a rich field for the demagogues, invite ballot-box stuffing, provide opportunities for gambling in offices, and give the bummers a perfect paradise for their operations. Again, by the Incorporation act, all prisoners sent to the Bridewell would be credited with $2 on their fines, whereas now they are credited with 50 cents. This provision was incorporated in the law for the benefit of "poor men" and "poor women," but $2 a day and board is a good deal more than the services or time of the worthless classes who go to the Bridewell are worth, and reduces their punishment correspondingly. Again, there is no provision in the law for a second or upper branch in the Council. An "upper house" is most urgently needed which shall be made up of honest and respectable material, elected on a general ticket and not by wards, who shall act as a check upon the reckless element in the lower house. With such an organization, it is claimed, the lower house would represent the wards and the upper the whole city. In all these respects the law, perhaps, needs amending. The above are some of the objections which are being made to the Reincorporation Petition, and they are serious enough to be worthy of careful attention.

RESIDENCE-QUALIFICATION FOR LEGISLATORS.

A recent plan for a Constitution of the French Republic included a proposition restricting eligibility to the Assembly to those persons actually residing within the district in which the vote is taken. If the author of this constitutional project had carefully compared the results of the English and American systems, which are precisely the reverse one of the other, he would not have recommended so hurtful a restriction. Under the English law, a citizen may be elected to Parliament from any borough within the Kingdom without regard to his residence. For instance, he may live in London and be returned from Manchester. The same candidates, when beaten in one district, are frequently taken up and elected by some other constituency. The most obvious advantage of this system is that a statesman of great service to the nation may not be lost to the nation by some temporary unpopularity he may have earned in the locality where he lives because of his greater devotion to the general good. This same principle ought to be extended in America to Congress, to the State Legislatures, and to the City Councils.

Contrary to the general belief, there is nothing in the Constitution nor the laws of the United States requiring that a Congressional candidate shall reside in the district from which he is chosen. It is only necessary that he shall be a resident of the State from which he is returned. Sec. 2, Art. 1, of the Constitution of the United States says: "No person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the age of 25 years, and been seven years a citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen." Congress has decided that no State has the right to add any qualification or disqualification for members of Congress to those provided in the Constitution. As an illustration of this, we may mention that the former Constitution of Illinois provided that no Supreme Judge should be eligible to any office under the State or the United States during his term of office or within one year thereafter. Judge Trumbull, who had been on the Supreme Bench of this State, was elected to the United States Senate before the prescribed limit had expired; but it was held that the State of Illinois could not determine any qualifications for United States Senator not prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, and Trumbull was seated. So with regard to the residence-qualification; it is only necessary that a Congressman shall reside within the State from which he is chosen, and not within any particular Congressional District. There have been a few instances where members of Congress have been chosen by districts within which they did not reside. When Mr. Farwell was first elected to Congress, the district he represented comprised only Cook County; and he resided in Lake Forest, Lake County. Gen. Butler has been elected twice or three times from the Essex District when not living within its limits; at the death of James Brooks, of New York, Mr. S. S. Cox was elected to fill the vacancy, though Mr. Cox did not reside within the district. But these cases are exceptional. The caucus system has established a custom, having the practical force of law, which requires every Congressional candidate to reside within the district in which he runs. It would be a national blessing if the Constitution should be so amended that any particular constituency should have the privilege of selecting a Congressional candidate from any part of the United States. In this way we might always avail ourselves of the very best material for statesmanship. If there were a dozen men in Chicago who would serve the nation better than a dozen men picked out from as many districts throughout the Northwest, the people should have the privilege of electing them to Congress. No man of pronounced ability and tried integrity could then be disbarred from Congress because he may have offended the "bosses" and the "bummers" which make up the caucus in the district where he happens to live. But, with the poor prospect of securing such an amendment until the political abuses become worse than they are now, we should at least avail ourselves of the privilege the Constitution allows us, and select our Congressmen from any part of the State without reference to the locality in which they reside.

The application of this absurd residence-qualification to State and Municipal Legislatures is productive of more vicious results than it is with reference to Congress. Take it in the State of Illinois. Our Constitution requires that a member of the State Legislature shall have resided in the district from which he is chosen for two years next preceding the time of his election. The geographical boundaries of those districts are purely arbitrary, unless, indeed, they be mapped out with reference to some political chicanery. In a large city where there are several districts, as in Chicago, the ablest man in the State may move across the street the day after a general election, and in this way be disqualified from serving in the Legislature for four years to come. It is not an unusual thing for a man to move his residence once in four years, and in this way he might be permanently disbarred. So in our City Council. It is provided in the charter not only that an Alderman shall reside within the ward which elects him, but if he removes from that ward after he is elected, or is absent from it for a period of four months, his seat becomes vacant. There are certain wards in every large city which do not contain a single citizen qualified to legislate for the interests of the municipality; yet every one of these wards is limited to the poor material at hand, and must make the best of it. Another instance: The property of the First and Second Wards in Chicago is the most valuable in the city; it is owned mostly by men who live in the Fourth and Fifth Wards on the South Side, and the Tenth, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Wards on the West Side; yet the owners of this valuable property are disqualified, by reason of their residence, from representing it in the Common Council.

The principle of residence-qualification is essentially and radically wrong wherever it is applied to legislation. Legislation should be in the interests of the whole people or the whole community for whom it is ostensibly framed. If national, it should be for the best interests of the whole nation and not in favor of certain portions; if State, for the benefit of the whole State and not for that of special districts; if city, for the whole city and not for particular sections. We have the very reverse of this in all our legislation. In the nation, a high tariff is prescribed for the "protection" of sectional interests; in the State, there is a discrimination against certain localities for the benefit of others, as Chicago has experienced on more than one occasion; in the city, we are unable to get additional water-service in wards where the denser population demands it, because the representatives of the outlying wards will not vote for it unless their districts can get the same. Throughout every branch of legislation we find this residence-qualification blocking the way to equal justice. It is the great lever in the "log-rolling" process which disgraces nearly every Congress, and nearly every State Legislature and City Council. The sooner it is abolished the better it will be for the cause of equal rights and common justice.

The New York horse-railroad companies can barely keep pace with the thrifty devotee of "knock-down" in the race for nickels. As fast as a precaution against the application of the rule "three for the company, one for me," comes out, the concerted ingenuity of thousands of the dirty-fingered devises a scheme to overreach it. What man creates the conductor can destroy, and not a mechanical contrivance yet but has been vanquished. The last device was the derringer-looking bell-punch, so disastrous in its effects upon the nervous system of the peaceful traveler. An ingenious man named May invented two modes of beating the punch. One was by a bell worn round the neck of the conductor, which was attached to a lever. When the conductor stooped to collect fare, the lever would rise; when he rose to punch, the bell would be rung by the fall. The other means was by a small bell held in the same hand as the punch, which rang when pressed. The detectives, learning of the existence of these arrangements, lost no time in capturing thirty of the votaries of "knock-down" and arresting the ingenious May. The Third Avenue line, New York City, was almost conductorless for half a day. The captives had bank-accounts.

The wholesale attack made by certain clergymen of New York upon the stage has resulted very differently from the anticipations of these worthy gentlemen. Instead of remaining properly silenced by a realizing sense of their own present depravity and future incandescence, these children of sin have made their assailants a reluctant but highly effectual advertising medium. Thus do the managers of the Grand Opera-House appeal to the public for patronage in publishing a novel invitation to all the clergy of the city to come and witness the "Black Crook," as performed at their house. Not only do they offer them seats in the auditorium, but offer to modify the rules of the house so as to allow them behind the scenes, thus giving them every opportunity to judge of the amount of immorality practiced in their theatre. This is a very ingenious device. Besides bringing the existence of "The Black Crook" home to everybody in the city, it forces the clergyman either to accept the invitation or to refrain from assailing a subject with the facts of which they refuse to acquaint themselves.

That must have been a diverting scene in a doctor's office in St. Louis. The physician had been troubled with a non-paying patient, who, had for two years neglected a bill of a few dollars. The other day, in balancing his books, the doctor gave it up for lost, and with a polite note made the lady who owed it a present of his services. Accompanied by one male and three female friends, the lady visited the doctor, paid his bill, and ordered the male companion to cowhide him. The doctor remonstrated by thrashing the breath out of his assailant until he sprained his wrist, when a colored girl, who was engaged as kitchen maid, appropriately "settled his hash" with a supplementary pummeling. The ladies retired in great haste, the doctor mildly intimating that, but for the unforeseen accident to his wrist, he would have subjected them to that timely correction which, according to appearances, their mothers had neglected in their earlier days. If ungallant, such heroic remedies would be more effectual than any other.

The law of compensation is kindly illustrated in the present plight of the New York *Herald*. In his discourse on reporting sermons, delivered a few days since, H. W. Beecher credited the *Herald* with publishing the first report of a sermon, whereupon that modest newspaper pricked up its ears, and, like Messrs. Dodson & Fogg, "looked as virtuous as possible." Now a former foreman of the New York *Tribune* denies Mr. Beecher's statement, and the *Herald* pettishly denies that Morse invented the telegraph, that Franklin discovered electricity, Watt the steam-engine, or Newton the law of gravitation. It is wretched, panting, and weeping. Like a small child, however, it clutches with the more vehemence its pet doll. "You didn't print the first sermon," says the *Tribune*; "I don't care," says the *Herald*. "my correspondent was caught and imprisoned by the Carlists, and my London Bureau is under the surveillance of Bismarck's spies. There!"

So profane are the gentlemen of Leith, Scotland, that a strenuous attempt is being made to amend their manner of conversation through the improving medium of the Police Court. The clergymen in the pulpits have warmly denounced profanity as a highly demoralizing practice, and the police are busily engaged in purging the community. So far, the results in the way of fines have been gratifying to the cause of pure language. What a mixed-up condition of affairs we should have were the law enforced in Chicago. How could one of our model officers carry a prisoner to the station-house without risk of arrest by a brother officer? By the time the original imprecator had reached the station, a whole platoon of policemen would be his fellow-prisoners, arrested on the same charge.

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ur last report we have received a visit from e of the National Board of Underwriters, it was to investigate and report upon the provements made in our means of protec- fire, most of which have been inaugurated ast three months. In order that our Asso- t have the views of these gentlemen and ir own, a meeting was called Nov. 21, which attended, and the proceedings of which ublished. The Committee alluded to have ected, but we have reason to believe that ns were generally favorable. Their re- ort at an early date.

"GEN. ALEXANDER SHALER

are well aware, entered on the active per- his duties, and the preparation of report ov. 25, has been read with interest. The e Commissioners we believe are affording every desired facility and support.

WORK AHEAD.

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J. C. AMBLER, Clerk.

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THE CIVIL-RIGHTS BILL.

Gen. Butler, on Monday, will insist that the House shall come to a yea and nay vote on the Civil-Rights bill, which is No. 2 on the calendar, and of which he claims to have special charge. It will re- quire considerable parliamentary skill in view of the position of the bill on the calendar to prevent some formal vote upon it. The Republican plan is to give the key to the situation, and, if filibustering is attempted to evade a vote, the friends of the bill can compel the House to waste a great deal of time. The bill, in all its features, is the original Sumner bill. It contains the objectionable provision regarding mixed schools. Some of the friends of the bill are endeavoring to effect a compromise which shall result in striking out the mixed-school provision, and in substituting for it a provision devoting a certain portion of the proceeds of the sales of lands to educational purposes. The proposed substitute is in substance the Hoar Educational bill, which passed the House in the Forty- second Congress, and which was postponed last winter to avoid defeat. Gen. Butler refuses to send delegations to their meetings, or, in other words, to stand strictly to their own business; that they do not tolerate political discussions in their meetings; that they are not in direct sympathy with any political party now in existence; and, finally, that members who represent the facts in any other than the above light, or who seek to commit the Grange to any politi- cal party, is no friend to the organization.

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THE INTEREST REGARDING THEM CONSTANTLY IN- CREASING.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The interest recently manifested regarding our diplomatic relations with Spain is constantly increasing. It is known that the Spanish Government has sought to traverse the com- plaint of the United States as set forth in the fourth paragraph of the Fish-Polo protocol, which reads as follows: "Other reciprocal reclamations to be the subject of consideration and arrangement between the two Governments, and, in case of no agree- ment, to be the subject of arbitration, if the constitutional assent of the Senate of the United States be given thereunto." It is known that Secretary Fish is not averse to this movement, but if Spain advances claims against the United States, based upon damages alleged to have occurred as the result of aid given to the Cuban insurgents by our citizens, as she undoubtedly will, he insists that such claims must be settled or adjusted

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of the Virginius controversy. The decision of Attorney-General Williams regarding the right of the Vir- ginius to carry the American flag is quoted to sustain this distinction of the claims between the two Governments. We have carried out conscien- tiously all the agreements on our part of the protocol that could be carried out, and now demand that Spain shall carry out her part, regardless of the recipient relations alluded to in the foregoing quotation from that document. Their position is simply that damages have occurred to American citizens by

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with a vessel on the high seas carrying our flag, that interference having been committed by the Spanish Government, and resulting in the massacre at Santiago de Cuba. We demand that these damages shall be settled first, and then offer to consider the question of reciprocal reclamations by arbitration or otherwise, as before stated. We are somewhat embarrassed by the result of the British demand against Spain for reclamation, but will insist on a settlement upon a basis of our own making, regardless of the sum awarded to Great Britain.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE.

A PLAN TO SIMPLIFY ACCOUNTS BETWEEN PUBLISHERS AND THE DEPARTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The report of the Commis- sioner to prepare instructions to Postmasters concern- ing the prepayment of newspapers and periodical post- age after Jan. 1, 1875, sustains the recommendations of Third Assistant Postmaster-General Barber, as to a plan for carrying out the law in the most convenient and simple manner. Instead of placing stamps on separate periodicals or papers, or on the packages containing them, according to weight, the forms already printed show a current account with publishers, and after the printed matter is weighed the requisite amount of stamps is posted in the form of a receipt given to the publisher or his agent at the time of mailing, the credit and the receipt having a corre- sponding number.

INDIAN TITLES.

THE DECISION OF THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT —THE FEE TO ALL INDIAN LANDS IS IN THE UNITED STATES; THE INDIANS ARE ONLY LIFE-TENANTS—THE NULLIFICATION OF PINE LAND CONTRACTS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The following is the full text of the decision of the Supreme Court with reference to the character of the Indians to lands within their reservations, to which reference was recently made in these dispatches. The decision was rendered some months since, but it seems to have been kept from any great publicity until now. Mr. Chief-Justice Waite de- livered the opinion of the Court:

"The Menominee Indians, by agreement and treaty, negotiated on the 8th and 17th of February, 1821, set apart and ceded to the United States certain of their lands in Wisconsin as a home for such of the New York Indians as might remove to and settle upon them. As the lands were intended for a home for the New York Indians, it was provided that the President should prescribe the time for the removal of the Indians to, and settlement upon them, and, at the expiration of the time, apportion the lands among actual settlers in such manner as he should deem equitable and just. If within the time prescribed they re- fused to accept the provisions of the treaty made for their benefit, or, having accepted, refused to remove from New York to settle on the lands, then the lands would be and remain the property of the United States. It was also distinctly understood that the lands ceded would be held by the tribes of New York Indians under such tenure as the Menominees held other lands, subject to such regula- tions and alterations of tenure as Congress and the President might direct. For this cession the United States paid the Menominees $20,000 (7 Statutes-at Large, page 343-349). On the 31 of February, 1838, the Christian and Orchard parties of the Oneida Indians, to whom a part of the Menominee cession had been apportioned, ceded to the United States all the lands set apart to them, excepting a tract containing 100 acres for each individual, or an aggregate of about 65,000 acres, which they reserved to themselves, to be held as other Indian lands are held. Of this tract, some 3,000 or 4,000 acres had been occupied and cultivated as farming lands by individuals of the tribe in severalty, with the consent of the tribe. Many of the Indians, including most of the young men, did not cultivate any of the lands as their own. A small number of the tribe cut timber from the part of the reservation not occupied in severalty, and made it into saw-logs, which they removed and sold to the defendants. The United States brought this action of replevin against the purchasers to re- cover possession of these logs, and, upon trial at the Circuit Court, the facts were found as established by the testimony. In addition, evidence was offered tending to prove that the timber on the Reservation had been cut and sold by the Indians of the tribe continually since 1838, with the tacit consent of the officers of the tribe. Upon this state of affairs the counsel of the United States asked the Court to in- struct the jury that the action could be offered and maintained. Upon the question of giving this in- struction the Judges were divided in opinion, and it was certified to this Court for decision. We think that the action was properly brought, and that it may be maintained.

"The right of the Indians in the lands from which the logs were taken was that of occupancy alone. They had no power of alienation except to the United States. The fee was in the United States, subject only to this right of occupancy. This is the title by which other Indians held their lands. It was so decided by this Court as early as 1823 in Johnson vs. Macintosh (8 Wheaton, 574). The authority of that case has never been doubted. (1 Kent's Commentaries, 257, Worces- ter vs. Georgia, 6 Peters, 580.) The right of the In- dians to their occupancy is as sacred as that of the United States to the fee, but it is only the right of oc- cupancy. (Cherokee Nation vs. Georgia, 1 Peters, 43.)

"The right of use and occupancy by the Indians is unlimited. They may exercise it at their discretion. If the lands in a state of nature are not in a condition for profitable use, they may be made so. If desired for the purpose of agriculture, they may be cleared of their timber to such an extent as the circumstances under the circumstances. The timber taken off by the Indians in such clearing may be sold by them. But to justify any cutting of the timber, except for use upon the premises, as timber, or its product, it must be done in the good faith for the improvement of the land. The improvement must be the principal thing, and the cutting of the timber the incident only. Any cutting beyond this would be waste, and unauthorized. The timber while standing is a part of the realty, and it can only be sold as the land could be. The land cannot be sold by the Indians, and, consequently, the timber, until right- fully severed, cannot be. It can be rightfully sev- ered for the purposes of improving the land, or better adapting it to convenient occupation, but for no other purpose. When rightfully severed it is no longer a part of the land, and there is no restriction upon its sale. Its severance under such circumstances is in fact only the right use of the lands. In theory at least the land is better and more valuable with the timber off than with it on. It has been improved by the removal. If the timber should be severed for the purposes of sale,—in other words, if the cutting of the timber was the principal thing and not the incident,— then the cutting would be wrongful, and the timber when cut becomes the property of the United States.

"These are familiar principles in this country, and well settled as applicable to tenants for life and re- mainder-men. But the tenant for life has all the rights of occupancy of the remainder-man. The In- dians have the same rights in the lands of their reservations. Whatever the tenants for life may do upon the lands of the remainder-man, the Indians may do upon their reservations, but no more. In this case it is not pretended that the timber from which the saw-logs were made was cut for the purpose of improving the land. It was not taken from any por- tion of the land which was occupied, or so far as appears, intended to be occupied, for any purpose inconsistent with the continued presence of the timber. It was cut for sale and nothing else. Under such circumstances, when cut, it became the property of the United States, and, acci- dentally, discharged of any rights of the Indians therein. The cutting was waste; and, in accordance with well- settled principles, the owner of the fee may seize the timber cut, arrest in replevin, or proceed in trover for its conversion. The Indians having only the right of occupancy in the lands, the presumption is against their authority to cut or sell the timber. Every pur- chaser from them is charged with notice of this pre- sumption. To maintain his title in his purchase it is incumbent that the purchaser should show that the timber was rightfully severed from the land.

"That the United States may maintain an action for cutting and carrying away timber from the public lands was decided in Cotton vs. the United States (11 Howard, 229.) The principles recognized in that case are decisive of the right to maintain this action.

"The answer of the Court therefore to the question propounded by the Circuit Court is in the affirmative."

NOTES AND NEWS.

THE WORKINGMEN'S INFLATION SCHEME.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The Executive Council of the United Order of Workingmen gives out that that order has determined to use all its influence this winter in favor of inflation legislation. The Secretary of the Order claims that there are 74,000 lodges already organized in the country, and that these lodges con- stitute a compact formidable secret political organiza- tion. The financial policy of the Order consists in a proposition to abolish the national banking system, and to issue a greenback currency which shall not be based on gold, but upon the real and personal property of the nation. The Executive Council claim to be able to control several prominent men, and state that henceforth the Order will be an important element in politics.

THE REVISED STATUTES.

The printing of the Revised Statutes has been com- pleted at the Government office. The statutes number 1,090 pages, and the index 600 pages. The analytical index is said to be a very masterly work. The alpha- betical index is not yet begun, and it is not probable that the statutes will be ready for sale be- fore January. It is evident that there will be considerable debate in Congress over this revision. There is a great disagreement as to the effect which the statutes have upon existing legislation. The Treasury authorities insist that the Revenue laws have not been modified by the revision in any impor- tant particular, and endeavor to show that in the cases which have been cited as changes made in the law by the revision are in point of fact not changes, but a reaffirmation of existing legislation. One case, however, has been discovered at the Treasury Department yesterday, on appeal case from New York, in which it would seem that there is a very evident change made by the revision. The case is that of brandies of the higher grades. The law heretofore in force required a tax upon all of that duty as from $3 per proof gallon to 50 per centum ad valorem.

A good many Congressmen conversant with tariff matters insist, on the other hand, that through inad- vertence, or from other causes, there were

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made by the revision which cannot be called a reaf- firmation of existing law. The subject will evidently be discussed in Congress.

THE RUSSIAN MISSION.

The rumor which was in circulation to-day that the Russian mission had been tendered to Col. J. W. For- ney is without foundation. The mission has not been tendered him, but it is understood that this place was yesterday offered to a person whose name is not disclosed.

CIVIL-SERVICE RULES.

The President, in connection with the Civil-Service Commissioners, has recently made a new ruling in civil-service matters, in the case of a clerk who had resigned from the Treasury and been absent several months, and who was again to be reinstated. The point was raised whether he must be examined under the civil-service rules for reappointment. It was de- cided that an examination was unnecessary. The President has now under consideration the propriety of recognizing this principle as a general rule.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Mrs. George Alfred Townsend met with a very seri- ous accident this afternoon, and only escaped being burned to death by the exhibition of great presence of mind and remarkable courage. Engaged about her morning hot-air stove accidentally caught fire, and before she could extinguish the flames she was very seriously, but not fatally, burned. The surgeons say that she will be confined to her room for a month.

CABINET MEETING.

The Cabinet was in session two hours to-day, dis- cussing the President's message, in course of prepara- tion. Secretary Robeson and Attorney-Gen. Williams were absent, the latter being in the Supreme Court.

PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—The December state- ment of the public debt is as follows:

Six per cent bonds	$1,167,274,700
Five per cent bonds	552,525,200
Total coin bonds	$1,719,799,900
Lawful money debt	$ 14,678,000
Matured debt	18,446,030
Legal tenders	382,073,267
Certificates of deposit	47,120,000
Fractional currency	47,365,604
Coin certificates	23,045,400
Total without interest	499,626,365
Total debt	$2,252,550,290
Total interest	$3,251,111
Cash in Treasury:	
Coin	$83,043,762
Currency	16,699,311
Special deposits held for re- demption of certificates of deposit	47,120,000
Total in the Treasury	$ 146,863,073
Debt less cash in the Treasury	$2,138,938,334
Decrease during November	123,427
Decrease since June 30, 1874	4,149,207

Bonds issued to the Pacific Railway Com- panies, interest payable in lawful money: Principal outstanding..... $64,623,512
Interest accrued and not yet paid..... 11,615,587
Interest paid by the United States..... 24,325,396
Interest repaid by transportation of mails, &c..... 5,510,044
Balance of interest paid by United States. 18,315,352

A Royal Baby.

The Duke of Edinburgh's baby has already begun to taste some of the sweets of royalty, having received a great number of nice presents from his royal relations, including a cradle in silver filigree, lined with pink silk, pink curtains, covered with white lace, held up by an elegantly chiseled pole, with a charming baby-face looking out from a knot of pink ribbons. Princess Beatrice has worked a quilt of white satin for this beautiful cradle, and embroidered the same with roses so natural as almost to deceive the eye. A silver-gilt service, consisting of a saucepan, plate, mug, spoon, and fork of the same, en- graved with the arms of England and the ini- tials of the royal baby, are also among the pres- ents.

The December term of the Kankakee Circuit Court opened yesterday. There are 180 cases on the docket. Fry, who attempted the poisoning of the Atwood fam- ily, at Blue Island, last fall, will be tried on an indict- ment for stealing horses. Thomas, the negro burglar who was shot a few weeks ago, will not be tried at this term; and, from present indications, it is doubtful if his case will ever be passed upon by an earthly court.

OUR HEATHEN.

They Present a Wide Field for Missionary Labors.

These Present Have Fallen Into the Clutches of the Law.

Witness the Peculiar Burglary Re- ported from Kenosha,

In Which a Police Superintendent Is Said to Be Concerned.

The Public Administrator of St. Louis County Absconds.

Minor Criminal Items.

A THIEF-TAKER TAKEN.

HEAVY ROBBERY AT KENOSHA—HOW THE PROPERTY WAS RECOVERED—ARREST OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND THREE OTHER PERSONS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 1.—Never was our little city under such a nervous state of excitement as at the present time. We have never been exempt from thieves and the smaller criminals that infest all places. But, on the morning of the 23d ult., the news flew like wildfire that a great crime had been committed in our midst.

THE BURGLARY.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 21st and 22d, there were observed in the town three suspicious looking men. They put up at an obscure German hotel. It was observed that, while together, they held no con- versation in the house; but, when they wished to say anything, two of them withdrew at a time. On Mon- day morning early, it was discovered that the jewelry- store of Mr. Miller was entered through the back window, his safe blown open, and all his stock of value taken. Among other property was about $450 in cash. On the opposite side of the store, the room was occupied by S. C. Johnson, with books, stationery, etc. The thieves took a lot of new gold pens which had just been received by Mr. J., which were worth about $300. From subsequent discoveries, there is no doubt that the burglary was done by the three men above alluded to, who were cracksmen from Chicago.

DETECTION.

Mr. Miller, after a thorough examination, in which he was ably seconded by District-Attorney Quarles and Sheriff Tetard, started for Chicago in pursuit of the criminals and property. While on the train, he saw Mr. E. C. Griffin, of this place, who was also going to Chicago. In the course of conversation with him on the subject, Mr. G. made the singular proposition to him, that, for the consideration of $1,100 in cash, he, Mr. G., would undertake to get the goods back. In reply, Mr. M. told him that he had not a dollar to pay with, and could not do it.

On arrival at Chicago, Mr. M. went immediately to his main creditor to inform him of his misfortune. That gentleman told him to accept the proposition, and generously furnished him with $800,—making, with the money stolen, the amount demanded. Then follow- ed negotiations as to the manner of receiving the money and the delivery of the goods. Mr. M. urged that Sheriff Tetard, or the newly-elected Sheriff, Lucas, or Justice Stebbins, be the man to receive the stolen property and pay over the money. This Mr. Griffin, who acted as mouthpiece for the thieves, would not ac- cept. No man would be accepted except Henry H. Walker, Chief of Police of this city. As this seemed the only condition on which the goods could be obtained, Mr. W. was telegraphed, and immediately went to Chicago and made the transfer, with the exception of a very valuable gold watch. We hear that this was done in an open street, in the daytime, in one of the outskirts of Chicago.

ARRESTS.

One week after the burglary, and, during this time, without the knowledge being conveyed to outside per- sons, our officers were very busy in hunting up facts which would implicate some of our own citizens. It is true the three cracksmen were seen to leave the Ke- nosha depot at about 2 o'clock in the morning, one of them carrying a bag partially filled, and these parties jumped off the train when they got near Chicago; but it was not the last they had seen of that bag, at a sa- loon not far from where the burglary was committed, and it was believed that they had aid from persons here in town. Therefore, E. C. Griffin, W. P. Fowler, Harry Desmond, and Henry Desmond were arrested. All gave bail but Mr. Desmond, who was lodged in jail.

EXAMINATION.

The parties were all charged as accessories before the fact. The two former are engaged in keeping a saloon. They also have more or less interest in train- ing horses. They have not been residents of Kenosha more than a year. It is reported that they came from Chicago here. Mr. Desmond is their cook. Mr. Walker is the chief of police of the city. From his position in society, and the high respectability of his parents, who are both dead, there is considerable sympathy felt for him. Very many do not believe in his guilt, but think he has been most imprudent, to say the least, in allowing himself to be made the tool of a den of thieves and vagabonds.

As the defendants obtained the privilege of having separate examinations, it makes the progress of the case long and tedious. The examination of Mr. E. C. Griffin, the first witness, was called on Friday last, and was closed on the part of the State last even- ing. Seventeen witnesses were examined. This morning the examination of the defendant's witnesses will commence.

THE INDIANA WIFE-MURDER.

THE WIFE-MURDER CASE AT CLOVERDALE, IND.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 1.—George Martin, the man who murdered his wife at Cloverdale, day before yes- terday, was brought to Greencastle on the 5 o'clock train this afternoon, and is now in jail. There is no excitement, and no probability that any attempt will be made at lynching. Martin is an ordinary looking man, rather under medium size, and does not appear capable of doing such a deed. He is said to be feigning insanity, and told several persons before being arrest- ed that he had killed a man by the name of Akens, who, he said, had been playing cards with him, and they got into trouble, and Akens tried to stab him. It seems that Martin and his wife were visiting one Riley Stanton, at which house the deed was committed. Stanton, upon hearing the shot, interfered to prevent further shooting, when Martin tried to stab him, but did not injure him. seriously. The woman was sitting in a rocking-chair with her babe, aged about 6 months, in her arms. He had given her ten minutes to retract something she had said a few days before. At the expiration of the time he placed a revolver to her head and fired, killing her instantly. He had been drinking quite hard late- ly, and was under the influence of liquor at the time.

MINOR CRIMINAL ITEMS.

THE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY ABSCONDS.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 1.—Mr. Henry Gambs, the Pub- lic Administrator of St. Louis County, has suddenly disappeared. It appears that for some ten days Mr. Gambs has disappeared from the public places and resorts where his presence was familiar, and from the fact that he had a large amount of funds in his hands, accumulated as such Public Administrator from the effects of deceased persons, there is a suspicion that he has proved a defaulter. It is as- certained that some days ago he drew $4,000 from a bank and left on the Iron Moun- tain Railroad. It is known also that he holds consid- erable sums accruing from the effects of various de- ceased persons, and also an execution has been issued against him for $30,000 in one estate, and with others pending. There is no occasion for general alarm, as the public interests have been guarded by Judge Woerner, of the Probate Court, who ordered Mr. Gambs some nine months ago to file a new bond, which is fully up to the requirements of the law. From information derived directly from the headquarters of the Police Department, there seems to be no room for doubt that Mr. Gambs has ab- sconded, and is now far hence. The exact amount of his defalcation has not been ascertained, but is set down at large figures, somewhere between $50,000 and $100,000.

SEDUCTION CASE AT MARSHALL, MICH.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 1.—The celebrated se- duction case of The People vs. Waller Clark was com- menced to-day in the Circuit Court at Marshall. The case has excited great attention on account of the standing of the parties concerned, who are among our wealthy and well-known citizens. The defendant, Clark, has lately fallen heir to a large fortune. The day was consumed in the examination and cross-ex- amination of the girl Addie Morey, whose testimony produced a favorable impression. The defense have retained an imposing array of the best legal talent in the State. The case promises to be the most interest- ing of the kind ever tried in the county.

ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF FORGERY.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 1.—F. X. Brasseau, of this city, was arrested last evening on a charge of forgery. The charge comes from his late partner in pine land and half-breed scrip business, William H. Grant, at whose instance a Receiver of the property of the firm was some time ago appointed. Brasseau was arraigned this forenoon and gave bail to appear next Saturday, when testimony for the prosecution will be submitted and further time be allowed for the defendant's testimony. The specific charge is for giving a power of attorney to dispose of the property of a female client of the firm. Interesting developments are promised by the prosecution, while the defense threaten to expose some of the mysteries of the half-breed scrip manu- facture.

KILLED BY A PRIVATE WATCHMAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—During a quarrel on Tuesday night last between Henry Brown and Michael Maloney, a private watchman in South street, the latter struck Brown in the head with a club, causing a wound from which he died to-day. Maloney was arrested.

A FARMER MURDERED NEAR WATERTOWN, WIS.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 1.—A German farmer named John Borcherit, living near Watertown, in this State, was murdered last night by a blow upon the head with a hammer. His wife and two step-daughters have been arrested on suspicion of being the perpe- trators.

ABSCONDING CLOTHIERS.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 1.—Dranger & Myer, absconding clothiers, have gone to New Orleans with their booty. The goods they took from the establish- ment were packed in five large trunks, and amounted in value to nearly $100,000, consisting of jewelry, kid gloves, and other expensive wares. The trunks were smuggled across the Detroit River as ordinary baggage. Customs officials have gone after the parties, who, if found, will be arrested on a charge of defrauding the revenue.

A CHIEF OF POLICE ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF MUR DER.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 1.—A. C. Ferber, Chief of Police of Scranton, and Jacob Ferber and J. H. Schlager were arrested to-day on the charge of the murder of Michael Kearney in Scranton on the 14th ult., and brought here this afternoon.

TWO LADIES ROBBED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

ATLANTA, Ill., Dec. 1.—Letters have been received here giving an account of the robbery in Kansas City of Mrs. Bender and Miss Fogle, of this place, at a hotel in that place. They were robbed, while asleep, of their money and tickets to Denver.

STOREHOUSE BURGLARIZED.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., Dec. 1.—The storehouse of Ruark & Morse, hardware dealers, in this city, was entered by burglars last night, and hardware and cutlery to the amount of several hundred dollars stolen. No clew as to who were the burglars.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 1.—

MONEY AND COMMERCE.

FINANCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 1.

A flow of currency to the country for hogs, and a good demand for loans, continue to be the salient features of the financial situation.

The orders from the country to-day were numerous, and reached the average. The banks are still ordering freely from New York, as is shown by the New York bank-statement of last week, in which the decrease in deposit and in legal tenders is about equal, and manifests a shipment Westward of over four millions of legal tenders.

The supply of New York exchange is abundant, and the price is unchanged. Some of the banks are drawing exchange against their balances in New York, preferring that course to paying express charges on currency; the orders for pork are making exchange, though not so much as if the packers did not confine their shipments to orders; and many of the country banks are sending in exchange for currency. The rate is still 75c to $1 discount between banks for $1,000.

The clearings to-day were $4,800,000. The settlements on the Board of Trade have been distributed through the latter days of November, and do not, therefore, swell the clearings of the 1st.

The cold weather and the nearness of the holidays have had a perceptible effect in improving the retail trade of the city.

Business at the banks is good. Counter business is very active, and the demand for loans is steady and good from all branches of the city wholesale trade. Rates of discount remain firm at 10 per cent a year to regular borrowers at the mercantile banks, with exceptional concessions of 1 or 2 per cent at the other institutions to outside borrowers with good enough collaterals. Street rates are 8@15 per cent; real estate loans are 9@10 per cent.

The Ohio & Mississippi Railroad Company have negotiated their remaining mortgage bonds to pay off all their floating debt, and out of the earnings have taken up the preferred stock dividend due next March. The managers announce that hereafter these dividends will be met promptly as they mature.

The New York detectives, in following up the parties implicated in the forging of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway bonds, believe that they have unearthed a nest of forgers, embarked in a scheme for flooding the street with counterfeit bonds. The losses which have arisen from the counterfeiting by experts of lithographed bonds have been serious enough to lead the New York Stock Exchange to consider the advisability of recommending all corporations issuing bonds to have them elaborately and expensively engraved.

The liability of National Bank stockholders has been defined by Judge Blatchford, of New York, in the case of the Eighth National Bank of that city. The Court held that stockholders in National Banks remain liable in the manner prescribed by the law so long as they permit their names to remain upon the books of the bank and neglect to transfer their stock upon the books to some one who shall accept and succeed to the liability, even though the stock may have been sold and assigned on the back of the certificate of stock, or a power of attorney given to transfer it; for, if it were otherwise, all the stock of a bank might be taken in, as this was, by the officers of a bank, and the intent of the law for the benefit of creditors be defeated. Or it might happen that in the case of a bank in failing circumstances (the certificates of stock passing by delivery from hand to hand after the first assignment or power in blank to transfer) no person could be found to represent the liability of a stockholder. The only method, therefore, in which a stockholder can relieve himself from liability is to see to it that his stock is transferred on the books of the bank to the buyer when he sells it. The case has been appealed.

BONDS AND GOLD.

Preston, Kean & Co. quote:

	Buying.	Selling.
United States 6s of '81...reg.	120	120¼
United States 5-20s of '62, ex. int..	112¾	112¾
United States 5-20s of '64, ex. int..	114¾	114¾
United States 5-20s of '65, ex. int..	116½	116½
5-20s of '65—Jan. and July.....	118½	118½
5-20s of '67—Jan. and July.....	119¾	120
5-20s of '68—Jan. and July.....	119¾	119¾
10-40s	113¾	114
United States new 5s of '81, ex. int.	112¾	112¾
United States currency 6s.....	116	116¼
Gold (full weight).....	111¾	112
Gold exchange.....	111¾	112
Sterling, sixty days sight.....	....	485¾
Sterling, sight.....	....	490¾
Cable transfers.....	....	492
Chicago City 7s.....	99½ & int	Par & int
Illinois 10 per cent Railroad-bonds....	....	Par & int
West Chicago park-bonds.....	....	93 & int

INTEREST ABROAD.

The following are the rates of discount at the leading cities abroad:

	Bank rate, per cent.	Open market, per cent.
Paris.....	4	3½
Amsterdam.....	3½	3½
Hamburg.....	....	4
Berlin.....	5	4
Frankfort.....	5	4
Vienna and Trieste.....	4½	4½
Madrid, Cadiz, and Barcelona.....	6	6@8
Lisbon and Oporto.....	4	4
St. Petersburg.....	6	6
Brussels.....	4½	4½
Turin, Florence, and Rome.....	5	4½
Antwerp.....	6	5½
Bremen.....	3½	3½
Leipzig.....	5	4½
Genoa.....	5	4½
Geneva.....	4½	4½
Copenhagen.....	5@6½	6@6½

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

H. J. Christoph & Co., bankers, 75 South Clark street, quote:

London, 485¼@490¾; Paris, 515@511¾; Hamburg and Bremen, 95¼@96¾; Berlin, 95¼@96¾; Frankfort, 40¾@41¼; Holland, 41@41¾; Denmark, 55¼; Sweden, 27¾; Norway, 110.

CABLE TRANSFERS.

London, 492; Paris, 510¾.

LATEST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—Money active and in good demand at 3½@5; late dealings, 4½ and 5 for call loans. Prime mercantile paper a shade higher, in anticipation of a generally higher market; 5@8 per cent for approved double-named, and 5½@10 for single names.

Sterling dull throughout the day, and at the close was weak at 484@485 for sixty days, and 489½@490 for demand.

Produce exports, $5,000,000.

Customs receipts, $377,000.

Specie shipments, $100,000.

Gold fell off from 112¼ to 111⅝, one of the recent pools having, it is said, unloaded at 112. Carrying rate, 1 per cent. Borrowing, 3 per cent and flat.

Clearings, $45,000,000.

Treasury disbursements, $96,000.

Governments opened strong and higher in some instances, and closed strong. State bonds quiet and nominal. Railroads active and strong. The leading feature was an advance of ⅛@1 per cent in Pacific Mail issues. A heavy business was done in Union Pacific firsts and sinking funds, the former selling at 92¾ and the latter at 76½.

Stocks more active than for some time. Speculative stocks opened ½@1½ above the closing quotations of yesterday, with the exception of Erie, which was ⅝ lower, in consequence of an order granted restraining the Company from paying interest. Late in the day the stock became strong and active on the announcement that the Supreme Court had dissolved the injunction granted yesterday. The market continued strong, with Northwestern and Union Pacific as the features, until an advance of 1½@1¾ per cent occurred, after which there was a general falling off, followed by an advance, but at the close there was a slight reaction on realization of sales. Transactions aggregated 276,000 shares, of which 17,000 were Consolidated Coal, 26,000 Cumberland, 36,000 Erie preferred, 18,000 Harlem preferred, 30,000 Michigan Central, 31,000 Northwestern preferred, 30,000 Wabash preferred, 12,000 Ohio & Mississippi, 24,000 Hannibal & St. Joseph preferred, and 36,000 Columbus, Chicago, & Indiana Central.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

Coupons, '81	120½	Coupons, '67	119¾
Coupons, '62	112¾	Coupons, '68	119¾
Coupons, '64	114¾	New 5s	112¾
Coupons, '65	116⅝	10-40s	113¾
Coupons, new	118¾	Currency 6s, ex int	116¼

STATE BONDS.

Missouris	96¾	Virginias, old	38
Tennessees, old	75	N. Carolinas, old	27
Tennessees, new	75	N. Carolinas, new	14
Virginias, new	39		

STOCKS.

Canton	60¼	St. Paul	33½
Western Union Tel.	81¾	St. Paul pfd	58¾
Quicksilver	35	Wabash	31¼
Adams Express	114	Wabash pfd	45
Wells, Fargo	83¼	Ft. Wayne	95¾
American Express	65¼	Terre Haute	10¾
U. S. Express	64¾	Terre Haute pfd	29¾
Pacific Mail	45	Chicago & Alton	101¾
New York Central	101¾	Chicago & Alton pfd	106¾
Erie	28¼	Ohio & Mississippi	33¼
Erie pfd	42	Cleve., Cin. & Col	65
Harlem	130½	Chi., Bur. & Quincy	103¾
Harlem pfd	125	Indiana Central	10¾
Michigan Central	77¾	Lake Shore	81½
Pittsburg & Ft. Wayne	88½	Illinois Central	97¾
Northwestern	46¾	Union Pacific bonds	92½
Northwestern pfd	62¾	Union Pacific stock	36¾
Rock Island	102	Central Pacific bonds	96¾
New Jersey Central	107	Del., Lack. & W	109

REAL ESTATE.

The following instruments were filed for record Tuesday, Dec. 1:

CITY PROPERTY.

Dean st, 94½ ft n w of Ridgeville road, n e f, 24x100 ft, with buildings, dated Nov. 30.....	$ 2,000
West Ohio st, 262½ ft w of Lincoln st, s f, 24x 121½ ft, dated April 28, 1873.....	1,000
The premises No. 761 Milwaukee av, dated Nov. 30.....	3,000
West Monroe st, 202 ft e of Throop st, n f, 32x 183½ ft, dated Dec. 1.....	7,500
Indiana av, 240 ft s of Thirty-eighth st, w f, 24x124 ft, dated Nov. 29.....	6,000
Michigan av, s e cor Sixteenth st, w f, 50 ft to alley, with frame building, dated Aug. 7.....	45,000
Same as the above, dated Nov. 24.....	45,000
Belden av, 166 ft e of Halsted st, s f, and ¼ of 25 ft to alley, dated Nov. 3.....	2,062
Francisco st, 190 9-10 ft s of West Lake st, w f, 25 9-10x130½ ft, dated Nov. 30.....	1,500
West Washington st, 100 ft e of Francisco st, s f, 25x120 ft, dated Nov. 30.....	1,500
Washington st, 66 ft w of Dearborn st, n f, undivided ¼ of 20x180 ft, dated Dec. 1.....	26,833
State st, 143½ ft n of Thirty-fourth st, w f, 60x 181½ ft, dated Oct. 24.....	5,000

SOUTH OF CITY LIMITS, WITHIN A RADIUS OF 7 MILES OF COURT-HOUSE.

Lots 28 and 29, Block 8, Orvis' s ¼ s e ¼, Sec 7, 38, 14, dated Dec. 1.....	$ 1,000
Lot 43, Block 1, of Block 5, Taylor & Kreigh's s ¼ of n w ¼, Sec 4, 38, 14, dated Nov. 19,..	1,400
Lots 26 to 50, Block 90, in University Subdivision, in Sec 7, 38, 14, dated Dec. 1.....	5,000
Lots 26 to 50, in Block 10, same subdivision as the above, dated Dec. 1.....	5,000

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 1.

The following were the receipts and shipments of the leading articles of produce in Chicago during the past twenty-four hours, and for the corresponding date one year ago:

	RECEIPTS.		SHIPMENTS.	
	1874.	1873.	1874.	1873.
Flour, brls	16,361	12,471	5,373	8,110
Wheat, bu	71,489	120,380	2,875	25,462
Corn, bu	88,090	23,950	.....	392
Oats, bu	32,280	44,480	12,091	9,175
Rye, bu	1,940	4,887	.....	.....
Barley, bu	17,300	14,360	3,019	17,259
Grass seed, lbs	29,870	91,800	47,167	.....
Flax seed, lbs	114,280	137,840	41,367	20,080
Broom-corn, lbs	4,210	26,500	25,000	300
Curedmeats, lbs	87,530	120,090	1,219,400	2,878,644
Beef, brls	250	120	620	.....
Pork, brls	65	810	1,033	2,123
Lard, lbs	165,310	209,120	475,722	902,464
Tallow, lbs	32,757	36,070	.....	103,000
Butter, lbs	68,091	213,517	29,200	46,220
Dress'd hogs, No	1,060	1,135	1,018	988
Live hogs, No	30,400	30,000	2,631	5,446
Cattle, No	1,848	1,408	245	589
Sheep, No	530	90	419	.....
Hides, lbs	230,330	202,151	227,671	178,119
Highwines, brls	610	291	470	112
Wool, lbs	93,170	35,260	92,410	26,698
Potatoes, bu	3,652	300	.....	200
Lumber, ft	2,126,000	1,499,000	1,100,700	1,182,000
Shingles, m	3,380,000	1,520,000	468,000	462,000
Lath, pcs	1,500,000	70,000	3,000	96,000
Salt, brls	4,332	5,000	3,237	2,047

Also the following, without comparisons:

	Received.	Shipped.
Poultry, lbs	6,660	27,500
Poultry, coops	92	.....
Game, pkgs	49	.....
Eggs, pkgs	289	5
Cheese, lbs	837	62
Dried fruits, lbs	6,992	8,800
Green apples, brls	663	.....

Withdrawn from store yesterday for city consumption: 4,923 bu wheat, 5,346 bu corn, 3,599 bu oats, 1,123 bu rye, 5,698 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store this morning up to 10 o'clock: 4 cars No. 1 spring, 115 cars No. 2 do, 22 cars No. 3 do, 3 cars rejected do, 2 cars no grade do (146 wheat); 11 cars high mixed, corn, 64 cars No. 2 do, 50 cars rejected do (125 corn, of which 25 are old); 2 cars white oats, 17 cars No. 2 do, 10 cars rejected do, 1 car t grade (30 oats); 3 cars No. 2 rye, 1 car no grade do; 11 cars No. 2 barley, 13 cars No. 3 do, 5 cars rejected do; also 19,000 bu No. 1 barley by lake. Total (334 cars), 143,000 bu. Inspected out: 8,800 bu wheat, 1,981 bu corn, 3,249 bu oats, 3,281 bu rye, 4,929 bu barley.

The leading produce markets were less active to-day, and most of them tended downward, as a consequence of rather better receipts and free deliveries, while the pressure on the unsquared December deals came altogether from sellers, as parties who had not filled were not obliged to do so, while some of those who took in produce this morning were not able to sell it. The shipments of corn were almost nothing, giving a considerable increase in stocks.

Dry goods were distributed to a pretty large aggregate, both local and interior dealers ordering freely of staple and fancy articles. Prices were firm and unchanged. Groceries were reported reasonably active, with values generally steady. Coffees, though at the moment steady, are tending to lower prices. Sugars, on the other hand, show something of a hardening tendency, owing to the closing up of some of the Eastern refineries, and curtailed production of others. Sirups, molasses, and rice are easy. Spices, soaps, starch, and candles remain firm. In the butter and cheese markets the only new features were the development of an easier feeling in low and medium grades of butter. Dried fruits were unchanged in values. Fish remain quiet and firm. No changes were apparent in the coal, wood, pig-iron, and leather markets. Oils remain steady in price. Canned goods are in better request and rulet firmer.

Lumber was quiet and unchanged. A portion of yesterday's fleet was at the docks, but there was no demand; hence, quietness. Metals, iron, and nails were in fair order demand in the aggregate at recent prices. Hay was quoted higher, the greatest advance being for timothy, which is wanted to ship to Pittsburg and neighboring cities. The receipts here continue light, which leads many to think that the crop in Illinois and Wisconsin was not so large as first estimated. Broom-corn, hops, and wool were quiet and firm, especially hops, which have recently advanced in New York and abroad, and are likely to go still higher. Seeds were quiet. The trading in potatoes was of a retail character. Few car-lots were offered. Green fruits were quiet, and some varieties dull and weak. The market is overloaded with apples, and there appears to be no way to reduce the stock except by the slow process of selling a barrel or two at a time. Poultry and game were in large supply and slow. The new rule of the Produce Exchange—to sell all dressed poultry by the pound—goes into effect to-day.

Highwines were active and firmer. The market opened with first sales at yesterday's decline, but when New York was reported strong, at $1.02½, there was a better demand, and 10c advance was paid at the close. Sales were reported of 450 brls at 97c, and 100 brls at 97½c per gallon.

Dressed hogs were in better supply, the receipts being 1,060 head. There was a fair demand, but no sales were reported on the floor, as buyers and sellers were apart in their views. Choice lots were nominal at $8.00@8.20 per 100 lbs, and fair at $7.70@8.00.

Provisions were again active and weak. The fact that hogs were in large supply, and 15@25c per 100 lbs lower, and that a mistake had been made in reckoning the average weights for October, made speculative holders more anxious to sell, but they were met willingly by buyers, though the market fluctuated rather severely on pork. At the close prices were 35@40c per brl lower on pork, 35@35c per 100 lbs off on lard, and ¾@¾c lower on meats. Liverpool was unchanged on lard, and New York weakened only after the state of our market was known there. The downward movement was therefore local only, and due to a different view of the question of supply to that heretofore entertained. Operators saw that the yield of product was greater than their estimates, and rather free deliveries this morning helped to weakness. Meats for European account were in fair demand, but the orders seemed to be limited to about ½c below the figures asked by holders. The market closed at the following range of prices: Mess pork, cash, or seller the year, $19.75@19.80; do, seller January and February, $20.10@20.20; do seller February, $20.35@20.40; do, seller March, $20.85@20.90; prime mess, $17.50@18.00; and extra prime, $15.00. Lard, cash or seller the year, $7.10@13.20; do, seller January and February, $13.35@13.40; do, seller February, $13.55@13.60; do, seller March, $13.95@14.00. Sweet-pickled hams, 11¼@11¾c for 16@15 lb average fresh cured; green hams, 15@16 lbs average, 10½@10¾c for December; green meats quoted at 6¾c for shoulders, 9½@9¾c for short ribs, and 9½@9¾c for short clear; dry-salted meats, loose, at 6¾@7c for shoulders, 9¾c for short ribs or long clears, 10c for short clears, and 9¼c for Cumberlands. The same, boxed, ¼c above these prices. Long clears and short ribs, boxed, 10c, seller December; do short clears, 10½c; do, shoulders, 7¼c. Bacon meats nominal. Mess beef, $8.25; extra mess do, $9.25; beef hams, $20.00@21.00, according to quality. City tallow, 8@8½c; grease, 7@7½c. Sales were reported of 2,000 brls mess pork, cash or seller the month (or year) at $20.00; 500 brls do at $17.90; 750 brls do at $17.80; 1,500 brls do seller February at $20.60; 250 brls do at $20.57½; 5,750 brls do at $20.55; 3,500 brls do at $20.50; 2,500 brls do at $20.45; 2,250 brls do at $20.40; 250 brls do at $20.37½; 250 brls do at $20.35; 3,250 brls do seller March at $21.00; 1,000 brls do at $20.90; 1,000 tcs lard seller the year at $13.37½; 350 tcs do at $13.30; 500 tcs do at $13.25; 500 tcs do seller January at $13.50; 1,250 tcs do seller February at $13.75; 750 tcs do at $13.70; 250 tcs do at $13.65; 1,300 tcs do at $13.62½; 500 tcs do at $13.60; 250 tcs do at $13.57½; 250 tcs do at $13.55; 250 tcs do at $13.52½; 5,250 tcs do at $13.50; 250 tcs do seller March, at $14.17½; 1,250 tcs do at $14.00; 200 tcs loose lard at $12.70; 150,000 lbs green shoulders at 6½c; 120,000 lbs short ribs at 9½c; 20 boxes do at 10c; 80,000 lbs green hams (15 lbs) at 10¾c; 20,000 lbs do at 10½c; 20 boxes long cut hams at 11¼c; 100 boxes do at 10¾c.

The stock of pork in New York is 16,687 brls, against 16,405 brls a month ago, and 20,324 brls a year ago.

Flour was very quiet, and steady at former quotations. The market was a shade easier than two or three days ago, when some holders asked 5@10c per brl advance, but we did not change quotations then. The buying to-day was all done by local dealers. The stock here is reported at 52,350 brls, against 55,575 a month since, and 27,000 brls a year ago. Sales were reported of 200 brls white winter extras on private terms; 50 brls spring extras at $4.65; 300 brls do at 4.60; 100 brls do (Morning Glory) at $4.50; 100 brls do (low) at $3.75; 400 brls do on private terms; 100 brls buckwheat at $5.50; 125 brls do at $6.25; 100 brls do on private terms. Total, 1,585 brls. Also, 10 tons bran at $16.00 on track. The following was the closing range of prices:

Choice to favorite winters	$ 5.85 @ 6.50
Common to good do	5.00 @ 5.25
Choice spring extras	4.60 @ 5.00
Fair shipping do	4.12½@ 4.30
Patent spring extras	6.50 @ 9.00
Superfines	3.00 @ 3.75
Rye flour	5.00 @ 5.25
Buckwheat flour	6.00 @ 6.50
Bran	16.00 @16.25

Wheat was less active, and ½@¾c lower, the feeling being quite weak in the latter part of the session. Liverpool was stronger, under the fact that but a light amount of wheat is headed that way, and there was a better demand in New York for export, but that caused greater strength in ocean freights, which prevented buyers from paying an advance for the wheat. The tendency here was in the other direction. The grain is coming in more freely than heretofore; advices from the interior indicate that the farmers are marketing their wheat more freely, which fact promises larger receipts in the future. Our higher prices are diverting wheat to this point which would go to Milwaukee under ordinary circumstances. There is scarcely any shipping demand, and out little is expected till after the holidays, when it will go forward at the rate of 27c per bu to the seaboard instead of by the low rates hitherto ruling on the water. All these things tend to weaken our market, making holders anxious to sell, added to which the December deliveries were rather larger than was expected. The most discouraging feature of the day was, however, the indication that the moneyed men favored the bear side. Present indications are to the effect that, whatever may be the course of our markets during the next few weeks, under accumulating stocks, the British markets will be strong. They have received much less wheat than they expected, the Russian ports are now closed, or about closing, and France cannot afford to export wheat at present quotations. Hence wheat will be wanted from the United States this winter to supply deficiencies. Seller January opened at 94c, receded to 92½c, rose to 9½c, and declined to 92¾c at the close. Seller month sold at 91¾c@92c, closing at the inside. Cash No. 2 spring closed nominal at 91¼c for regular, No. 1 do at 94c, No. 3 do at 85c, and rejected do at 80½c. Minnesota was quiet, closing at 93@9.3½c for No. 2. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 1 spring at 94c; 16,400 bu No. 2 spring at 92c; 4,400 bu do at 91¾c; 8,200 bu do at 91½c; 2,800 bu do at 91⅜c; 6,800 bu No. 3 spring at 85½c; 12,600 bu do at 85¾c; 1,600 bu do at 85c; 400 bu rejected spring at 81c; 7,400 bu No. 1 Minnesota at 94c; 39,200 bu at 96c; 1,600 bu No. 2 do at 93¾c. Total, 63,600 bu.

Corn was less active, and irregular. Old corn, for delivery any time this month at the option of the seller, was weak, at the same range of prices as yesterday, though Liverpool was stronger, and New York was held higher. The option opened at 71c, and declined to 72c, closing firmer at 72¾c, with a fair business doing in the way of settlement. Cash No. 2 (old) was weak, and averaged ½@¾c lower than yesterday. There was no disposition to fill short contracts, but several lots sold for November were undelivered at 3 o'clock yesterday, and the demand for that purpose kept up the premium to 1¼c till about 1 o'clock. Early sales were made at 75c, and the market declined to 73c at the close. New No. 2 sold at 66½@67c cash, 66½@66¾c seller the year, and 66¾@67¼c seller January, all closing at the inside. Seller May sold at 71½@72c. The stocks in store increased 183,556 bu during last week, and fully 50,000 bu more are now coming in, with the prospect of a further increase before the holidays. The new corn is in good demand for consumption, and was relatively firm to-day, though in good supply. Cash sales were reported of 10,000 bu No. 2 old at 75c; 10,000 bu do at 74¾c; 25,000 bu do at 74¾c; 5,000 bu do at 74¼c; 21,600 bu do at 74c; 10,000 bu do at 73¾c; 24,000 bu do at 73½c; 7,400 bu do at 73c; 8,200 bu do, new, at 67c; 12,400 bu do at 66¾c; 26,600 bu do at 66½c; 3,600 bu rejected at 65c; 1,000 bu do, new, at 64c; 3,200 bu by sample, new shelled, at 63½c; 1,600 bu do at 63c; 3,600 bu car at 70c, delived at Stock-Yards, Total, 192,200 bu.

Oats were dull and weak, but only averaged ¼c lower. The receipts were not large, but New York was easier, and the deals for last month were out of the way, while there was little pressure to buy for this. The market was moderately acive early, but soon fell off to almost nothing. Seller the month (year) opened at 33¼c, and declined to 32½c at the close. Seller January sold at 32¾@33½c, closing at the inside. Cash No. 2 closed at 32½c, and white at 34c. Cash sales were reported of 5,000 bu No. 2 at 33½c; 5,000 bu do at 33¾c; 9,200 bu do at 33c; 5,000 bu do at 32¾c; 1,800 bu do at 32½c; 1,200 bu rejected at 43½c; 600 bu do at 42¼c; 1,200 bu by sample at 33c; 600 bu do at 34½c; 600 bu mixed at 34c; 1,200 bu at 32c; 600 bu at 31c; 600 bu at 30c, on track.

Total, 33,200 bu.

Rye was quiet, and 1c higher, being in fair demand, while there was little disposition to sell. The only sales reported were 400 bu No. 2 at 95½c; 2,000 bu do at 95c, and 400 bu by sample at 70c, on track. Total, 2,800 bu.

Barley was in better demand, and averaged about ½c higher than yesterday. Seller the month sold at $1.22½@1.23½, closing at $1.23@1.23½. Seller January sold at $1.24@1.25, closing at $1.24½. Cash No. 2 closed at $1.23 for regular, to $1.24½ for A., D. & Co.'s receipts. No. 3 closed at $1.09 in the Central, and at $1.11@1.11½ in other houses. Cash sales were reported of 400 bu No. 2 at $1.24½; 5,800 bu do at $1.23½; 5,600 bu do at $1.23½; 10,000 bu do at $1.23; 10,000 bu do at $1.23½; 400 bu No. 3 at $1.12½; 800 bu do at $1.12½; 2,000 bu do at $1.11; 400 bu do at $1.10; 400 bu do at $1.09; 400 bu by sample at $1.28; 100 bu do at $1.23; 400 bu do at $1.20; 500 bu do at $1.20 on track; 500 bu do at $1.15 delivered. Total, 37,100 bu.

GRAIN IN STORE.

The following are the footings of the official report of grain in store in this city on the evening of Saturday last, and at corresponding dates:

	Nov. 28, 1874.	Nov. 21, 1874.	Nov. 29, 1873.
Wheat—			
No. 1 red	201	201	1,401
No. 2 red	9,256	9,256	1,401
Rejected winter	1,121	1,121	279
No. 3 winter	4,759	4,759	310
No. 1 spring	18,892	12,376	7,705
No. 2 spring	550,676	414,352	179,439
No. 3 spring	87,424	61,624	31,329
No. 1 N. W. spring	36,612	9,027	44,715
No. 2 N. W. spring	281,340	261,324	114,248
Rejected spring	21,353	19,133	21,123
No grade spring	961	961	611
Total	962,019	804,884	405,182
Corn—			
White	.....	.....	4,064
Yellow	5,254	14,249	31,688
No. 1	834	14,637	60,247
High mixed	106,670	66,460	160,559
New high mixed	22,623	12,681	.....
No. 2	460,392	331,731	579,478
New No. 2	70,152	24,235	.....
Rejected	19,576	52,792	51,150
New rejected	74,100	14,905	3,413
No grade	2,915	2,489	.....
Total	696,775	513,219	889,558
Oats—			
No. 1	.....	.....	5,475
No. 2 white	45,133	41,135	41,599
No. 2	178,812	125,099	134,745
Rejected	11,991	9,494	51,199
No grade	1,534	2,124	1,538
Total	238,870	177,852	234,486
Rye—			
No. 1	1,380	833	1,608
No. 2	29,264	25,811	22,854
Rejected	3,047	2,174	1,362
No grade	.....	.....	100
Total	33,691	28,818	26,134
Barley—			
No. 1	2,000	13,000	456
No. 2	221,846	243,466	197,079
No. 3	34,382	33,483	166,676
Rejected	8,729	8,004	24,462
No grade	.....	.....	937
Total of all kinds in store	266,957	298,063	390,215
Total, 2,196,222 bu.			

These figures show an increase during the past week of 157,635 bu wheat, 183,556 bu corn, 59,018 bu oats, and a decrease of 5,227 bu rye, and 31,036 bu barley. Total increase, 363,946 bu.

The following was the amount of grain in store in Milwaukee on Saturday last, as compared with the same time last year:

	1874.	1873.
Wheat, bu	137,501	141,391
Corn, bu	10,345	23,767
Oats, bu	21,374	11,889
Rye, bu	2,805	8,691
Barley, bu	85,841	79,109

The following were the stocks of grain in store in regular warehouses in Peoria at the close of the week ending Nov. 28, 1874, and for the corresponding week:

	Nov. 28, 1874.	Nov. 21, 1874.
Wheat, bu	30,093	29,618
Corn, bu	62,063	59,902
Oats, bu	61,833	85,084
Rye, bu	22,836	23,578
Barley, bu	2,282	2,120

LATEST.

The leading produce markets were moderately active and lower in the afternoon. Wheat declined ⅝c, corn ⅜@1c, and oats 1c. Wheat opened at 91½c and closed at 90¾c for December; and at 93⅜c, closing at 91¾c, seller January. Corn sold at 72¾c down to 71¾c seller the year, closing at the inside, and cash closed at 72@72¼c. New, seller the year, sold at 66½c, and do, seller January, at 67c. Oats were weak, declining 1c, closing at 51½c seller the year, and 51¾c seller January. Mess pork was firmer, with sales as follows: 250 brls seller February at $20.50; 500 brls do (low) at $20.45; 400 brls do on private terms; 200 brls buckwheat at $5.50; 125 brls do at $6.25; 100 brls do on private terms. Total, 1,585 brls. Also, 10 tons bran at $16.00 on track. The following was the closing range of prices:

Choice to favorite winters	$ 5.85 @ 6.50
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Choice spring extras	4.60 @ 5.00
Fair shipping do	4.12½@ 4.30
Patent spring extras	6.50 @ 9.00
Superfines	3.00 @ 3.75
Rye flour	5.00 @ 5.25
Buckwheat flour	6.00 @ 6.50
Bran	16.00 @16.25

Wheat was less active, and ½@¾c lower, the feeling being quite weak in the latter part of the session. Liverpool was stronger, under the fact that but a light amount of wheat is headed that way, and there was a better demand in New York for export, but that caused greater strength in ocean freights, which prevented buyers from paying an advance for the wheat. The tendency here was in the other direction. The grain is coming in more freely than heretofore; advices from the interior indicate that the farmers are marketing their wheat more freely, which fact promises larger receipts in the future. Our higher prices are diverting wheat to this point which would go to Milwaukee under ordinary circumstances. There is scarcely any shipping demand, and out little is expected till after the holidays, when it will go forward at the rate of 27c per bu to the seaboard instead of by the low rates hitherto ruling on the water. All these things tend to weaken our market, making holders anxious to sell, added to which the December deliveries were rather larger than was expected. The most discouraging feature of the day was, however, the indication that the moneyed men favored the bear side. Present indications are to the effect that, whatever may be the course of our markets during the next few weeks, under accumulating stocks, the British markets will be strong. They have received much less wheat than they expected, the Russian ports are now closed, or about closing, and France cannot afford to export wheat at present quotations. Hence wheat will be wanted from the United States this winter to supply deficiencies. Seller January opened at 94c, receded to 92½c, rose to 9½c, and declined to 92¾c at the close. Seller month sold at 91¾c@92c, closing at the inside. Cash No. 2 spring closed nominal at 91¼c for regular, No. 1 do at 94c, No. 3 do at 85c, and rejected do at 80½c. Minnesota was quiet, closing at 93@9.3½c for No. 2. Cash sales were reported of 800 bu No. 1 spring at 94c; 16,400 bu No. 2 spring at 92c; 4,400 bu do at 91¾c; 8,200 bu do at 91½c; 2,800 bu do at 91⅜c; 6,800 bu No. 3 spring at 85½c; 12,600 bu do at 85¾c; 1,600 bu do at 85c; 400 bu rejected spring at 81c; 7,400 bu No. 1 Minnesota at 94c; 39,200 bu at 96c; 1,600 bu No. 2 do at 93¾c. Total, 63,600 bu.

Corn was less active, and irregular. Old corn, for delivery any time this month at the option of the seller, was weak, at the same range of prices as yesterday, though Liverpool was stronger, and New York was held higher. The option opened at 71c, and declined to 72c, closing firmer at 72¾c, with a fair business doing in the way of settlement. Cash No. 2 (old) was weak, and averaged ½@¾c lower than yesterday. There was no disposition to fill short contracts, but several lots sold for November were undelivered at 3 o'clock yesterday, and the demand for that purpose kept up the premium to 1¼c till about 1 o'clock. Early sales were made at 75c, and the market declined to 73c at the close. New No. 2 sold at 66½@67c cash, 66½@66¾c seller the year, and 66¾@67¼c seller January, all closing at the inside. Seller May sold at 71½@72c. The stocks in store increased 183,556 bu during last week, and fully 50,000 bu more are now coming in, with the prospect of a further increase before the holidays. The new corn is in good demand for consumption, and was relatively firm to-day, though in good supply. Cash sales were reported of 10,000 bu No. 2 old at 75c; 10,000 bu do at 74¾c; 25,000 bu do at 74¾c; 5,000 bu do at 74¼c; 21,600 bu do at 74c; 10,000 bu do at 73¾c; 24,000 bu do at 73½c; 7,400 bu do at 73c; 8,200 bu do, new, at 67c; 12,400 bu do at 66¾c; 26,600 bu do at 66½c; 3,600 bu rejected at 65c; 1,000 bu do, new, at 64c; 3,200 bu by sample, new shelled, at 63½c; 1,600 bu do at 63c; 3,600 bu car at 70c, delived at Stock-Yards, Total, 192,200 bu.

Oats were dull and weak, but only averaged ½c lower. The receipts were not large, but New York was easier, and the deals for last month were out of the way, while there was little pressure to buy for this. The market was moderately acive early, but soon fell off to almost nothing. Seller the month (year) opened at 33¼c, and declined to 32½c at the close. Seller January sold at 32¾@33½c, closing at the inside. Cash No. 2 closed at 32½c, and white at 34c. Cash sales were reported of 5,000 bu No. 2 at 33½c; 5,000 bu do at 33¾c; 9,200 bu do at 33c; 5,000 bu do at 32¾c; 1,800 bu do at 32½c; 1,200 bu rejected at 43½c; 600 bu do at 42¼c; 1,200 bu by sample at 33c; 600 bu do at 34½c; 600 bu mixed at 34c; 1,200 bu at 32c; 600 bu at 31c; 600 bu at 30c, on track.

Total, 33,200 bu.

Rye was quiet, and 1c higher, being in fair demand, while there was little disposition to sell. The only sales reported were 400 bu No. 2 at 95½c; 2,000 bu do at 95c, and 400 bu by sample at 70c, on track. Total, 2,800 bu.

Barley was in better demand, and averaged about ½c higher than yesterday. Seller the month sold at $1.

...73; white wheat extra, $5.75@6.25; fa... $5.00. Rye flour unchanged. ...Dull...
...at dull, heavy, and lower; receipts, ...o. 1 spring, $1.17@1.25; No. 2 do, old ...n, 3 do, $1.03@1.07; No. 2 Chicago, $1.06 ...Milwaukee, $1.13@1.14; No. 2 North... ...0. 1 Minnesota, $1.21½@1.25; ...and Minnesota spring, $1.07@1.21; winter ...1.18@1.25; amber do, $1.26@1.29; white, ...ye quiet at 94@97c. Barley dull and de... ...la West, $1.52@... Malt quiet and de... ...ive; receipts, 20,000 bu; old mixed ...ore, 92½c; afloat, 94c; new mixed nom... ...n, 88@92c; new white, 90c. Oats dull ...ceipts, 57,000 bu; mixed Western, 66@... ...ange'...
...Coffee quiet. Sugar nominally un... ...hanged—New Orleans, 5¾@6¾c. ...Refined dull and lower at 10¾@10½c; ...3 8-16... ...ner; strained, $2.20@2.35. ...—Heavy at 34½@35c. ...Western, 28@33c. ...Pork firm; Western mess, $21.00. ...meats quiet; middles firmer; long ...c. Lard lower; prime steam, 13¾c. ...avy; Western, 20@33c. ...fee: common to prime, 12½@15¾c. ...ull and a shade easier at $1.02¾.

ST. LOUIS.

...Dec. 1.—COTTON—Unchanged.
...et dull and lower; No. 2 red, $1.07¾@... ..., $1 01½@1.02. Corn quiet and de... ...03c. Oats dull and a shade lower; ...mer at 55c. Barley dull and lower; 54@... ...; No. 3 do, $1.20@1.25. Rye quiet at ...
...eady at $1.00.
...—Buyers and sellers apart; market ...ring; no sales of any article. ...lour, 3,000 brls; wheat, 4,000 bu; corn ...e, 5,000 bu; rye, 3,000 bu; barley, none. ...—Wheat, 3,000 bu; corn, 2,000 bu.

MILWAUKEE.

...Dec. 1.—FLOUR—Steady and quiet, ...ats steady and in moderate demand; No. ...80@... No. 2 do, 89½c; seller January, ...92½c. Corn dull and drooping; No. ...4c. Oats steady and quiet; No. 2 in Store ...der and weak; No. 1, 95c. Barley nomi... ...—Quiet and nominally lower. Mess pork, ...ptime mess, $18.00; extra prime, $15.00. ...Same, 11¼c. Bulk meats active and ...Dry salted shoulders, 7¾c, loose; mid... ...Prime Lard, 13 7-8@13¾c. ...lour, 4,000 brls; oats, 400 bu; wheat, ...

...—Flour, 15,000 brls; oats, 3,000 bu; ...bu.

OSWEGO.

...c. 1.—GRAIN—Wheat quiet; No. 1 Mil... ...; no demand for red. ...new high mixed, 92c.

PHILADELPHIA.

...Dec. 1.—FLOUR—Quiet and firm; ...75; State, Indiana, and Ohio family ...00.
...t quiet and steady; red, $1.20@1.21; ...Rye nominal. Corn—Old yellow, ...80@85c; white, 83@85c. Oats—White ...l, 65c.
...—Nominal; crude, 5½c; refined, 10½@... ...rm; prime Western, 35@36c; choice ...ady and unchanged.
...; Western, 30@33c.

BALTIMORE.

...Dec. 1.—FLOUR—Quiet, steady, and ...ast dull; extra white Michigan, $1.17; ...an, seller December, $1.09¾; January, ...2 red, $1.09. Corn dull and a shade low... ...ed, 69½; seller December, 68¾c; May, ...ed, 68½c; white, 70½c. Oats quiet; No. ...n, 35c; white, 36c.
...D—$5.60.
...00—$9.00@9.75.
...—Steady; 99 brls; wheat, 14,000 bu; corn, ..., 8,000 bu.
...—Flour, none; wheat, 1,000 bu; corn, ..., 3,000 bu.

PITTSBURG.

...Dec. 1.—GRAIN—Wheat firm; prime un... ...firm; new car, 75@78c; new shelled, ...
...—Crude, in bulk in Pittsburg, $1.20; ...; no demand for refined.

MEMPHIS.

...Dec. 1.—COTTON—Quiet and weak; mid... ...2.00 bales; receipts, 2,300 bales; ...00 bales; stock, 48,136 bales.
...and firm; medium and ...
...—Dull at $3 90.
...t quiet and firm at 85@86c. Oats—Mar... ...e and firm at $2.00.
...—Pork dull and lower; $21.00. Lard is ...d firm; refined, 15@15½c. Bulk meats ...d lower; shoulders, 6¾@6¾c; sides, ...sugar-cured hams, 13½@14c.
...Ky., Dec. 1.—COTTON—Quiet at 14½c. ...GRAIN—Unchanged.
...—Pork ex-lead and higher; $22.00. Bacon ...ng. Sugar-cured hams, 12@13c. Bulk ...shoulders, 7½c; sides, 10½@10¾c. ...14½c; keg, 15¾c.

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CHINA AND JAPAN.

Summary of News from Hong Kong and Yokohama.

The Formosan Difficulty at Last Amicably Settled.

China Pays the First Installment---A Pecuniary Indemnity.

Japanese Honor Satisfied---A Return of the Indemnity Proposed.

Miscellaneous Political and Commercial News.

CHINA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 1.—The steamer Vancouver arrived last night. The following is her summary of news from China and Japan, bearing date at Hong Kong, China, Oct. 28, and at Shanghai, Oct. 22.

The Viceroy and Commander-in-Chief, Lihang Chang, is reported to have decided upon working the important coal and iron mines at Pung Ching, hitherto undeveloped, and an English agent has been commissioned to purchase the necessary machinery. This step, heretofore opposed by the Government, is taken by the war party as an indication of a desire to increase the national resources for military purposes.

The Governor of Macao, Viscount San Januarios, is dangerously ill. Mutiny had broken out at that place among the armed police, and attacks were threatened upon the Government houses. The disaffected are believed to belong to that class who were formerly engaged in coolie catching, and who are irritated against the Governor and his Secretary, Mesnier, for their assistance in the work of suppressing the coolie-trade. These men were, until recently, destitute, and were enrolled in the police out of charity. The design is said to have been to pillage the Chinese quarters. The danger is not yet wholly over.

The Viceroy of Canton died last month, having held his office for thirteen years. He was much respected by foreigners, and regarded as among the most progressive officials. Jaoti, or Governor Chiu Kiang, died Oct. 4. He was chiefly distinguished for his anti-foreign feelings.

The Chinese have agreed to everything required by Japan. They recognize and admit the justice of the Japanese, and will pay an indemnity of 500 taels, 150 of which are already paid. The balance is to be delivered before the end of this month. They agree to keep the Formosa savages under control for the future, and the Japanese will withdraw from the island. There is great satisfaction in Japan over the result, but so little have the Government been influenced by pecuniary motives that they have already determined to return a part if not the whole of the indemnity. They required it only as an unmistakable acknowledgment of the propriety of their action. That having been vindicated, they are disinclined to keep the money. Renewed efforts were made to induce the Chinese to submit their quarrel to diplomatic arbitration, but the Peking Government were entirely averse to such proposals.

Insurrectionary demonstrations were made in the neighborhood of Chang-Chas-Fu, a city in the south of the Province of Hu-Peh-Nan, and the Viceroy of Fuhkien left Foochow Oct. 5 to investigate them.

The only new preparations for land defense yet made by the Chinese are in the Chusan Islands, commanding the approach to Shanghai. Here, at Wasung and Ching-hai, a few earthworks have been commenced, but left unfinished, ostensibly for want of funds.

Minister Avery left Shanghai for Peking Oct. 14, arrived at Tientsin on the 18th, and resumed his journey on the 21st.

The Irene Curtin who seized the ship Spark was executed in Hong Kong Oct. 10.

The Chinese transport Tayuk, engaged in carrying troops to Formosa, foundered at Tarwan-Fu, in the mouth of Soli, on the 16th inst. Every soul on board the transports were scattered by the same storm, and have not since been heard of.

It is reported that the celebrated Li Hung Chung, the Viceroy and General of the army of Chihli, will be sent to Canton to take the office of Wooching, Kwang Tung and Kwang Si. No reasons are announced for the proposed change, which cannot be carried out until after the Japanese crisis has passed. Meanwhile Li Hung Chung remains the only governor of the Province of An Why, has been temporarily appointed to the post.

There is serious and general complaint against the United States Consul at New Chang, for having sentenced Ying Ge, in the name of Judge Lynch, who was convicted of a murderous assault upon Chinese women, to only fourteen days' imprisonment.

The Japanese Consulate at Shanghai has received high praise from American shipmasters for the prompt and satisfactory settlement of the collision between the Japanese steamer and the ship Worcester.

The subject of supplying prostitutes for San Francisco is attracting much attention in Hong Kong. Measures are under consideration for preventing the departures from that port. Several cases of this seeking release were recently before the courts.

A Chinese contractor, convicted of swindling by false estimates in repairing the Imperial Palace, has been sentenced to decapitation.

Prof. Watson, at the head of the American party in China for the observation of the transit of Venus, returned Oct. 8, a new asteroid of the eleventh magnitude.

A party of English astronomers arrived at Shanghai Oct. 16, and proceeded to Chefoo.

A Mohammedan Chinese General, from the distant Province of Yunnan, where he served in the Imperial army during the rebellion, is now one of the lions of Peking. He fought on the side of the Buddhists and contends against his co-religionists.

By British order in the Council, Shanghai is now a port of registry.

Twenty-thousand troops are now in the Island of Formosa, stationed about 60 miles from the Japanese camp.

British residents of Chefoo have petitioned the Consul to secure the presence of a gun-boat at that port during the winter. They fear a rising of the natives against the foreigners in case of war.

Rebels draw the Alaska from the beach have thus far failed, but hopes are still entertained that she will be dislodged.

JAPAN.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, Oct. 9.—A heavy typhoon occurred at Yezo, Oct. 1. Many sea-coast villages were greatly injured, and one was entirely destroyed. Thirty-three junks were wrecked, and 200 lives were lost.

Lieutenant Commander Cassel has returned to Yokohama, with his health much impaired by his sojourn in Formosa.

Orders have been issued by the Navy Department offering rewards for discoveries, by Japanese ships, of unknown rocks and shoals in the Eastern waters.

Public expenses are being reduced in various ways. The Mikado and members of the Imperial family have resigned a part of their incomes. Numerous employes have requested a reduction of their salaries, and even the scholars in the national academies have petitioned that the amount allowed for their education be temporarily reduced. The enthusiasm and offers of personal sacrifices are universal. Volunteers are forming throughout the Empire.

There is much discussion concerning the displacement of the Director and other English employes of the Mint at Osaka. The British community and newspapers of Yokohama complain bitterly, as if an actual wrong had been done them, and proclaim that the national coinage will become valueless with the Mint transfer away from the British management. The matter is a serious one for the Japanese Government, and is greatly misrepresented here. Some time since, a contract was made with the Oriental Bank Corporation to superintend the establishment of the Mint, among other public works. This contract expires early in 1875, but the Corporation has claimed the right to make future engagements with the officials in the Mint and elsewhere. The Government denies this, holding that it has already placed itself far too unreservedly in the hands of the Oriental Bank Corporation, and announces that the engagements heretofore made with that body must terminate with the expiration of the general contract, next February. So far as is practicable, there is no intention of removing the foreign assistants from the Mint, but there is a positive determination to get rid of the objectionable interference of the bank in Government affairs. The bank is naturally unwilling to surrender its valuable privileges, and its pretensions are strongly supported by British influences, but the Government is quite decided.

The superfluous supply of silk-worm eggs had been disposed of by burning numbers of cartons, and sales are now commencing in Yokohama at extremely low rates.

The Japanese Post-Office Department has decreed a rate of $150 for wrongfully opening any letter.

The arrival of the City of Pekin was eagerly awaited at Yokohama.

Negotiations for the sale of the Pacific ship China to the Japanese Government have been suspended.

The United States Minister's relations with the Japanese Government are perfectly harmonious, but his representations in regard to the military registration of the soldiers in his service, and the employment of the same, have been pronounced unheeded.

The British Minister has not fled the English embassy to the naval service of Japan that, in case of war, the latter resign their positions. They, in reply, have notified the Government that in such an event they will claim an engagement for the unexpired half of the contracts, which demand will be rejected as preposterous.

A party of American astronomers have already located near Nagasaki, for the observation of the transit of Venus. The French party is yet undecided whether to select Nagasaki or Hiogo as their post of observation.

The impression appears to prevail in American circles that Iwakura generally directs the Government in its present crisis. This is a mistake. There are three ministerial offices near the throne, only the head of which, in rank, is held by Iwakura. When he visited America and Europe, the second place was vacant, but this has since been filled by Shimandzes Sabuio. The first is occupied by Sanjio. Iwakura, in fact, takes comparatively little part in the war discussions.

It is now doubted whether the Japanese Post-Office can make ready for the commencement of the new postal system by the 1st of January next.

The Mikado's birthday was celebrated Nov. 3 with military reviews, state receptions, and public festivities of all kinds. The Foreign Diplomatic Corps dined by invitation at the Imperial Guest House at Yeddo.

The Japanese are rapidly preparing to erect fortifications on all the important points along the coast.

The boiler of a steamer on Lake Biwa burst, and her passengers and crew, numbering 100, are reported killed by the explosion or drowned.

THE COURTS.

Stow Pavement Case---Goodrich Transportation Company.

New Suits and Judgments.

THE WOODEN-PAVEMENT WAR.

A suit was tried yesterday before Judge Blodgett which, to some extent, involved the legality of the Stow wood pavement. It appears that in 1872 Henry M. Stow made an agreement with Nelson DeGolyer and Joseph Hubbart, by which the parties were permitted to use his patent for laying pavement, i. e., by laying the blocks of wood directly on the sand or other earth foundation, on payment to him of 25 cents for each square yard so laid there. The contract was to run from January, 1873, to January, 1874, and payments and statements to be made quarterly. It was also agreed by the defendants that they recognized the validity of the Stow patent, and that they would not seek to contest its validity. They, however, failed to pay the stipulated price, and Stow brought suit. The defendants objected that, by a drawback or subsidiary contract, Stow had agreed to receive only 5 cents instead of 25, and also that the contract was fulfilled by DeGolyer and some one else. Some points were also made as to the patent. Under the instruction of the Court, the plaintiff dismissed as to Hubbart, and a verdict was rendered for the plaintiff for $6,273, at the highest rate of 25 cents a yard. Goudy & Chandler appear for the plaintiff.

TRESPASS SUIT.

A suit was on trial yesterday before Judge Blodgett wherein Louisa Fairman sought to recover $5,000 from the Goodrich Transportation Company for alleged assault by one of its employes. It appears that in September, 1872, while she was traveling on one of the defendant's boats, her stateroom was broken open. She was gagged and choked, and her pocket-book, containing some $35, was taken. She claims that a night-watchman or some other employe of the boat was the thief, and asserts that it was the duty of the Company to employ careful and honest men. She also claims that the blind of her stateroom was so out of repair that she was unable to fasten it. On the part of the defendant it was claimed that the Company was not bound to know the moral character of its employes, even if it were an employe who committed the assault and theft, which is denied, and that the Company supplied suitable locks and guards, and, having done so, was relieved of further responsibility. The evidence was all taken, but the trial was not concluded yesterday. Messrs. Fairchild & Blackman appear for the plaintiff, and Upton, Bonfoil & Waterman for the defendant.

ITEMS.

Judge Williams will hear some motion this morning to dissolve the injunction in the case of Burges vs. The Board of Trade.

Judge Drummond will leave for Indiana, on his circuit, to-night, to be gone for some weeks.

Judge Blodgett is holding Court in Rockford.

The Grundy County National Bank sued Thomas Wright and George A. Dunton for $1,000.

A. G. Fame, H. G. Goodwin, and O. J. Nowell began a suit against Bernard Engle and Isaac Livingston to recover $5,000.

SUPERIOR COURT IN BRIEF.

Pursel, Earl & Co. began a suit in attachment against Isaac Stroup to recover $1,038.97.

Asa M. Allen commenced a suit for $3,000 against the Ætna Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Wheeling.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Patrick O'Connor commenced a suit in trespass against J. W. Enwright, E. P. Kelly, and J. D. Scanlan, laying damages at $5,000. He also began another one of like amount against William Weedon, Charles Dennehey, J. M. Carey, and Patrick Murphy.

The county court commenced business.

In the matter of the City of Chicago; William H. Carter, Frederick U. Bailey, and Herman Benda were appointed Commissioners to make special assessment from No. 7-2 to 864, inclusive.

The claim of D. Hoffman for $21 against the estate of J. Barchard was allowed.

In the matter of the estate of Edward B. Howe, a minor; William L. Hurst was appointed guardian ad litem for minor on petition to sell real estate.

The order heretofore entered authorizing the executor to sell personal property of the estate of Alexander G. Gower, deceased, at private sale, was amended so as to give the authority for public as well as private sale.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Andrew Kelly and W. F. Jackson, tried on charge of robbing S. M. Chittenden of $18, were acquitted.—Charles Johnson, colored, tried for burglariously entering the store of Rufus B. Mills & Co., and stealing $100 worth of clothing; verdict, guilty, and term of punishment fixed at imprisonment in the Penitentiary for one year.—James McGuire and James O'Brien, tried for the larceny of $12 worth of cigars from Levi J. Culbertson; verdict, guilty; recommended to mercy.—Daniel Sullivan, tried for the larceny of a robe from Henry H. Walker; verdict, guilty, under age; remanded.—Julia Quinn pleaded guilty to the larceny of a lot of clothing from Mrs. Samuel Hopson; remanded.—Margaret Hogan pleaded guilty to the larceny of a shawl from Margaret Hogan; remanded.—Patrick O'Brien, tried for burglariously entering the barn of Frank Douglas, and stealing clothing; verdict, guilty, and term of punishment fixed at imprisonment in the Penitentiary for one year.—Jeremiah O'Day, tried for the larceny of clothing and coal-tickets from Michael Fitzgerald; verdict guilty, and term of punishment fixed at imprisonment in the Penitentiary for three years.

JUDGE BLODGETT—To end of calendar.

JUDGE GARY—281, 284 to 303, except 288.

JUDGE MCROBERTS—171, 173, 174, 176 to 192.

JUDGE BOOLEN—100, 104, 105, 113, 117 to 135, except 128, 129, 130.

JUDGE HEATON—82 to 95, except 86.

JUDGE FARWELL—No call. Any cases between 41 and 50 will be disposed of.

JUDGMENTS.

UNITED STATES COURT—JUDGE BLODGETT—Henry M. Stow vs. Nelson DeGolyer; verdict, $6,273, and motion for new trial.

SUPERIOR COURT—CONFESSIONS—David J. Lake vs. Anabel Pierce and Lucius S. Pierce, $1,115.90.—G. H. Williams et al. vs. John W. Becker, $103.25.—Same vs. M. D. Dean, $145.30.—Same vs. Samuel Woodruff, $214.20.—Same vs. William J. Briggs, $103.25.—John Kean vs. Mary E. Bruson and Willard C. Bruson, $1,608.11.

JUDGE GARY—F. A. Woodbury vs. S. S. Crocker, $499.24.—F. A. Jensch vs. Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Dante Lodge, No. 11; verdict, $43.47, and motion for new trial.—Advance Company, use, etc., vs. The United States Life Insurance Company, of New York, $1,20.—Julia A. Habbel vs. John St. Clair Cleveland, $23.

JUDGE JAMESON—Henry Garner vs. City of Chicago; verdict of $1,500, and motion for new trial.

CIRCUIT COURT—Junior Workmen—Burnt Thompson et al, vs. Carl Nevison; verdict, $1,031.48.

JUDGE HEATON—W. H. Mallory vs. Nathan Corwith; verdict, $1,347.53, and motion for new trial.

NORTHERN CENTRAL ILLINOIS MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

WENONA, Dec. 1.—The North Central Medical Association met here to-day. A good attendance of the leading physicians from Woodford, Marshall, Putnam, Livingston, and LaSalle Counties was present. Papers on medicine and surgery were read by Drs. Reynolds and Thompson, and reports by Drs. Samme and Cook. Many clinical cases were examined before the Association. Drs. D. A. Woods, of Streator, A. Reynolds, of El Paso, and E. E. Rich, of Wenona, were appointed delegates to the State Medical Society. The officers for the ensuing year are Drs. E. P. Cook, President; L. G. Thompson, Vice-President; F. Cole, Secretary and Treasurer. Dr. J. S. Whitmire delivered an address before the Association and citizens at Odd Fellows' Hall this evening. The Association adjourned to meet at this place next December.

AN INTERESTING SUIT.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Dec. 1.—An interesting trial was commenced in the Circuit Court to-day. C. B. Whitney brings suit for malicious prosecution against E. B. Harpham and some twenty other citizens of Tazewell County for having charged him while State's Attorney of the Twenty-first Judicial District with malfeasance in office and bribery. Whitney was tried and acquitted in June, 1870, and now seeks damages. The case was removed from Tazewell County successively to Mason, Menard, and finally to Morgan County. The case will occupy several days.

NEW YORK'S NEW MAYOR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The death of Mayor Havemeyer and the succession of Ald. Vance to the Mayoralty removes the strongest opposition to the proposed $1,000,000 appropriation for the completion of the New York and Brooklyn Bridge, and leaves Comptroller Green in the minority in the Board of Estimate and Apportionment. The Presidency of the Board of Aldermen, vacated by Ald. Vance, will probably be filled by Ald. Richard Flanigan, a Democrat. The city budget, which remains to be definitely fixed, will probably accord with the views of the Board of Aldermen.

THE LATE MAYOR HAVEMEYER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Coroner held an inquest this afternoon over the remains of the late Mayor Havemeyer, and the jury gave a verdict that he died of heart disease. The funeral takes place on Friday. The several departments of the City Government today adopted the usual resolutions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The family of the late Mayor Havemeyer have consented to a funeral with official honors, which will take place on Saturday next.

HELPERS OF THE POOR.

Meeting of the Industrial and Educational Aid Society.

Consultation with a Good Samaritan Deputation---No Union Wanted.

Organizing a Joint Stock Company---Thursday's Mass-Meeting.

A Resolution to That Effect Adopted Yesterday by the Executive Committee.

The Good Samaritans.

EDUCATIONAL AND INDUSTRIAL AID SOCIETY.

DISCUSSING THE SITUATION.

The ladies of the Industrial Aid Society held a stated meeting yesterday afternoon in Room No. 40 in McCormick Block, Mrs. Springer occupied the chair. Before the meeting was called to order the ladies conversed as to the intended visit of the Forbes-Leonard wing of the Good Samaritan Society. Fears were expressed that their visit would be unpleasant or cause unpleasantness. But a good deal of relief was evinced when a lady informed those assembled that the visit was postponed, and added that she hoped indefinitely. The feeling of the Society, as represented, seemed to be: "We are desirous of helping the Slasher, but we cannot, for our own sakes, act under Mrs. Leonard or by her direction."

THE MASS-MEETING.

The meeting was called to order, and Mrs. Van Winkle said that in reference to the mass-meeting for the benefit of the working women of Chicago that Mrs. Swisshelm and Mrs. Campbell, Miss Frances Willard, and Miss Hulett had consented to address the meeting.

ELECTING A GENERAL MANAGER.

Mrs. Jones called attention to a question which had been already before the Society. She referred to the question whether Mrs. Swisshelm should be elected General Manager of the Society. Mrs. Swisshelm was just the person for such a position, having large experience; and she would give her services and time without charge.

Mrs. Van Winkle moved that Mrs. Swisshelm be appointed General Manager of the Industrial Aid Society. The motion received unanimous approval.

THE WOMEN'S HOME.

Mrs. Jones spoke of the proposition made by the managers of the Woman's Home, on Halsted and Jackson streets, to give the Industrial Aid Society a whole floor, so that the industrial training may be commenced at once. If the proposition be accepted, she feared it might interfere with the getting up of the joint stock company for their building. Besides, on a single floor, cooking and laundry work could not be taught; merely sewing, embroidery, type-setting, or such could be begun. Mrs. Jones moved that the appointment of a committee to confer with the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home on the subject. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Lewis was named as one of the Committee. Mrs. Lewis demurred; she was tired of so much talk and so little action.

Mrs. Jones was named for the Committee. Mrs. Jones declined; she could not attend to the business of the Committee and "that settles it."—and it was settled.

Mrs. Lewis supplemented her previous declination by saying, "Besides, ladies, I am too much exercised to be a Committee of Conference, and were given power to act.

At 8, Lewis inquired by whose authority, and under what auspices, the mass-meeting for Thursday evening was called. In the absence of the Secretary, of course care should be taken as to who should speak, and what should be spoken.

Mrs. Jones replied by saying that the responsibility of the meeting to a certain extent rested with Mrs. Sophronia Bates, who called the meeting and paid the expense, but the object is was to hear the views of the working women themselves on the question of best giving them aid.

THE REPORTERS.

Mrs. Lewis had only one objection to it, and it was that reporters would be there, and might misrepresent something or somebody, as they were said to do.

The Secretary, (aside vote)—That is a very uncalled-for remark.

Mrs. Lewis—Longer paid a compliment to the reporters. She had never had occasion to find fault with any reports of proceedings of which she herself had personal cognizance. The Society, indeed, had reason to thank the reporters for their kind and friendly, for the most part, notices of it out in a friendly and sympathetic manner.

Mrs. Foster—who, with Miss Sadie, was present as a representative of the inmates of the Woman's Home—said that the working-women had confidence enough in reporters to speak their minds, and all of them were without experience in the conduct of public meetings. It was, therefore, their wish that the Society should go on in their speeches. They (the speaker and her colleague, Miss Sadie) were present to thank them and express the deep sense of gratitude felt. They wished that the Society should take the whole responsibility of the forthcoming mass-meeting.

JOINT-STOCK COMPANY.

Mrs. Van Winkle moved that a committee be appointed to organize a joint stock company to work in conjunction with Mrs. Swisshelm. The motion was carried, and Mesdames Lewis, Springer, Jones, and Van Winkle appointed as such committee, and directions were given for the preparation of subscription cards, one to be furnished to each member of the Society.

Mrs. Lewis desired to explain her remarks made some while before as to the reporters. She understood that her observations were stiely uncalled for. She hoped no misinterpretation would be put upon her words. The idea she meant to convey was that at this mass-meeting, if any thing like a Union were reported, would place the Society before the community in the same light as certain other societies appear at the present day. Besides, private affairs of its Society might be touched upon which it was not advisable should be known to the world should know.

[It is a matter of astonishment how Mrs. Lewis could have learnt the Secretary's expression, which was made in the lowest tone of voice, and only audible to one sitting close by. The two ladies were seated many feet apart.—It might be said, at opposite ends of the room. It will take a woman to explain how that information was given to Mrs. Lewis.]

Mrs. Jones said that the odium attaching to any society if she was not a member of would not affect her. "Good Samaritanism," as practiced by a certain few, could not kill her, no matter what misdeeds they might be guilty of.

A deputation of the Walbert wing of the Good Samaritans entered the room, and the Industrial Aid Society meeting was adjourned.

A JOINT MEETING.

FRUITLESS EFFORT AT UNION.

Mrs. Jones, Chairman of the Committee of the Industrial Aid Society appointed to receive the Good Samaritan delegation, then called the Committee to order, and desired to hear from the visitors.

Mesdames Walbert, Bluthardt, Raster, and Baxter composed the delegation. Mrs. Walbert, speaking for them, said they would prefer to confer with the Committee in private.

Mrs. Jones replied that, as Chairman of the Committee, she was not empowered to agree to that proposition. Her own feelings were opposed to secret proceedings. Mrs. Jones then adjourned the Committee, with a view to hearing the opinion of the Society upon the proposed secret conference.

Mrs. Springer called the Society to order.

Mrs. Walbert said there were

ONLY TWO DIFFICULTIES

in the way of a union that she could see. The work of the Good Samaritans had been so extended that it all but met that proposed by the Industrial Aid Society. The name was perhaps objectionable, but it would not be polite to change the name just at present; it covered the work done fully. Also, the Good Samaritans expected to be incorporated at an early day,—a statement which she wished to be kept out of the papers.

Mrs. Jones—Yes; your name suits you; our name suits us! Ours is an industrial training society, not a society for the reformation of fallen women.

Mrs. Walbert—Our society covers just the same ground as yours. We are working on an extended scale, not contemplated in the original platform.

Mrs. Jones—If your work assimilates so closely as you say to ours, then you do not deserve to be called Good Samaritans. You claim to be training young women in industrial pursuits, but I would not send my daughter to a Good Samaritan Society to learn cookery.

Mrs. Walbert asserted that the Shelter was not a reformatory institution, although that was the original intention.

NO REASON FOR UNITING.

Mrs. Duncan, of the Industrial Aid Society, did not see any reason why a union was desirable.

Mrs. Jones—The proposition did not emanate from us; it came from the other side.

After some further discussion of a desultory character, during which no good cause was assigned for the union, Mrs. Lewis moved, and Mrs. Jones seconded, a motion "that the Industrial Aid Society remains as it is at present, on her existing circumstances."

The motion was carried, and the meeting adjourned.

THE GOOD SAMARITANS.

MEETING OF MRS. WALBERT'S PARTY.

The Society of Good Samaritans met yesterday at Room 4, Nos. 51 and 53 LaSalle street, the President, Mrs. Annie E. Walbert, in the chair.

The Secretary's report was read and approved.

Reports were given from the Home, Finance, and Visiting Committees. Mrs. O. F. Baker reported one box soap from James Kirk, $3.30, and other contributions to the amount of $13.80.

Mrs. Rood reported donations through the office amounting to $12.74.

The President reported twelve tons of coal from Blake, Whitehouse & Co., $24; one ton coal, $6.50; one-quarter barrel flour, from Fred Voltz, $2; fish, from Nye Campbell & Co., $2; fifty bushels coke, $10; cash, $105.

The Treasurer reported, after paying various bills, $92.53. The Society desire to return thanks to the donors of the Thanksgiving dinner at the Home.

The Society then adjourned to meet at the same place the following Tuesday.

COMING BACK.

The National Board Insurance Companies to Resume Business in Chicago.

A Resolution to That Effect Adopted Yesterday by the Executive Committee.

The prediction made in THE TRIBUNE of Nov. 7, that the National Board companies were about to resume business again in this city, has been verified by dispatches received yesterday, stating that the Committee which had been visiting this city and examined the improvements made since the withdrawal of the companies had made a favorable report, and that the Executive Committee of the Board had withdrawn its restrictions and authorized the companies to do business again in this city. In consequence, the insurance agents on LaSalle street were in a most happy and joyous frame of mind, and gave vent to their feelings by shaking hands with everybody they met, and congratulating each other that the winter of their discontent had passed, and would now give way to a happy and profitable summer.

THE FIRST DISPATCH

in regard to the action of the National Board was received at about 4 o'clock p. m. by Mr. Ross, of the Queen Insurance Company of Liverpool and London. The dispatch read as follows:

"Restrictions removed by the Executive Committee of the National Board. Resume business at once."

OTHER TELEGRAMS.

Shortly after, Messrs. Goodwin & Pasco received a dispatch from Mr. L. J. Hendre, President of the Ætna of Hartford, which read as follows:

"Restrictions removed. Resume again at tariff rates." The London, Liverpool & Globe, the Hartford, of Hartford; the Imperial, of London; the Commercial Union, of London; and the Manhattan, of New York, also sent dispatches during the evening ordering their agents to resume business again. There is hardly a doubt that most of the other companies will give orders to resume to-day. It is a significant fact that the Presidents of the three first companies to resume again were members of the Committee sent here by the National Board to examine the condition of the city, namely, Mr. John L. Ross, Manager of the Queen of Liverpool and London; Mr. George L. Chase, President of the Hartford of Hartford; and Mr. L. J. Hendee, President of the Ætna of Hartford. The Manager of the Imperial of London and the Manager of the London, Liverpool & Globe were also in the city with the Committee. This proves that the gentlemen had satisfied themselves that the city has

SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS

of the National Board, and that insurance business could be just as profitably carried on here as elsewhere. It is stated, however, that some of the New York companies would not yet return, and among these are mentioned the Howard, the Continental, the Phœnix, and two or three others. As the best English and Hartford Companies have, however, already given orders to resume, the people of Chicago will not be very much put out by the loss of New York companies. They can just please themselves, and Chicago can do quite as well without them as they can do without Chicago.

THE WITHDRAWAL

of the National Board companies was mainly caused by the fire of July 14, and the fires at the Wells and Giles buildings. The management of these fires satisfied the more conservative companies that something was radically wrong with our Fire Department, and that our present fire department is entirely inadequate. Therefore, the National Board on July 24 made the following demands of the city authorities:

First—The establishment of *permanent* fire-limits or districts, within the limits of which the roofing in suitable persons the enforcement of the laws relating to the erection of wooden buildings, and the exclusion from the business districts of the city of such manufacturing and other establishments as endanger not only property in such districts, but the safety of the entire city.

Second—The enactment of a stringent building law for the government of the city, and its thorough enforcement by a competent corps of officers, which building law shall include requirements that all warehouses or stores shall be provided with proper iron shutters or doors to all front, rear, or side openings; that parapet or fire walls of such height (say 5 feet) shall be required to be built between buildings, thereby the rapid spread of fire; the prohibition of all Mansard roofs or stories and cupolas from buildings, unless they be constructed wholly of fire-proof material; and a regulation limiting the height of buildings to four stories or 60 feet, unless the same be constructed wholly of fire-proof material.

Third—The complete reorganization of the Fire Department of the city, under the direction of a Board of Competent Engineers, or persons not in any way officially charged with its care; the eradication of political influences or favoritism from the Department; the introduction of a thorough and efficient military discipline among its members; the augmentation and improvement of its fire-alarm and police telegraph within the Department of a corps of sappers and miners, to be trained in the use of explosives calculated to arrest conflagrations; and the introduction of floating engines upon the river and lake fronts.

Fourth—The immediate increase of the size and number of the water-mains and pipes, as well as fire-hydrants, especially in localities where property is exposed by special hazards and rows of wooden buildings.

Fifth—The establishment of a Fire-Marshal's Bureau, charged with investigation into the origin of all fires, and with power to secure the punishment of incendiaries.

The passage of a law which shall secure the gradual removal of the lumber-yards and special hazards, which now threaten the city upon the southwest and northwest, to isolated localities, as well as the removal of the wooden buildings and unlawful structures now occupying various sections of the business part of the city."

These demands were in the main found to be just, and the authorities, aided by the Citizens' Association and the press, went to work and

MADE SUCH IMPROVEMENTS

as could be made with the means then at hand. While thus engaged in making the necessary reforms, the National Board passed a resolution requesting the companies to withdraw on the 1st of October, because the requirements of the Board had not been carried out. This action fell upon the people of Chicago like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. No one had thought for a moment that they would withdraw, seeing that the improvements were being made to make this city as fire-proof as possible. Many of the requirements could not be carried out in such short space of time. Negotiations were in progress to secure Gen. Shaler. The removal of Marshal Bonner was an impossibility, unless the Legislature changed the law. The work of increasing the size and number of water-pipes was rapidly progressing. Still the companies were inexorable, and, according to the resolution, they have their heels from the city on Oct. 1.

THE INDIGNATION OF THE MERCHANTS

of this city was great, and the New York merchants were accused of having brought about the withdrawal of the companies for the sole business of this city, which had swallowed up much of New York's jobbing trade. It was cla

THE CITY.

GEN. SHALER.

HIS SECOND REPORT TO THE FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Gen. Shaler yesterday handed to the Board of Police his second batch of suggestions regarding the reorganization of the Fire Department. The city has now been thoroughly mapped out by him on one of Davenport & Strippleman's maps of the water supply. The Board, after reading over the suggestions, concurred in them, and referred them back to the General and Marshal Benner to report upon the estimated cost of the improvements. The Board were evidently astonished to find that his suggestions were even more expensive than they in any way expected. The following is his report:

CHICAGO, Nov. 30, 1874.

To the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners:

GENTLEMEN: I have the honor to submit herewith my views as to the number of additional companies required to furnish reasonable protection against fires in all that part of the city not embraced in my communication of the 24th inst.:

Within the limits of the North Division, the West Division, and that part of the South Division lying south of Harrison street, are quartered twenty-three steam engines, five chemical engines, and four hook-and-ladder companies, located on an average of nearly a mile apart. I recommend:

First—That this force be increased to an aggregate of thirty-seven steam engines, five chemical engines, and twenty-one hook-and-ladder companies, to be located as follows:

IN THE NORTH DIVISION.

A second-class engine company on the city lot corner Illinois and North Franklin. One ditto in the vicinity of Division and Larrabee streets. A third-class engine in the quarters now occupied by chemical engine No. 3, on Southport avenue. A first-class hook-and-ladder company in the vicinity of LaSalle and Oak. One ditto in the vicinity of North avenue and Sedgwick. One ditto in the vicinity of Centre and North Halsted.

WEST DIVISION.

A second-class engine in the vicinity of Hubbard and Elizabeth streets. One ditto in the vicinity of Sixteenth and Morgan streets. A third-class engine in the vacant house on West Erie, near Milwaukee avenue. One ditto in the vicinity of Milwaukee avenue and North Wood street. One ditto in the vicinity of West Chicago and North Ashland avenues. A third-class engine company in the vicinity of Leavitt and Fulton streets. One ditto in the vicinity of Ogden avenue and Harrison street. One ditto in the vicinity of West Jackson and Centre avenue. A first-class hook-and-ladder company in the vicinity of Sixteenth and Jefferson streets. One ditto in the vicinity of West Randolph and Carpenter streets. A second-class hook-and-ladder company in the vicinity of Ashland avenue and West Clybourn place. One ditto in the vicinity of Division and Noble streets. One ditto in the new house corner of Lincoln and Ferdinand streets. One ditto in the vicinity of Monroe and Winchester avenue. One ditto in the vicinity of Blue Island avenue and Robey street.

SOUTH DIVISION.

A third-class engine company in the vicinity of Slute and Twenty-fourth streets. One ditto in the vicinity of Halsted and Douglas avenue. One ditto in the present quarters of chemical engine company on Doering street, near Archer avenue. A first-class hook-and-ladder company in the vicinity of Dearborn and Fifteenth streets. A second-class hook-and-ladder company in the vicinity of Archer avenue and Quarry street. One ditto in the vicinity of Halsted and Thirty-first streets. One ditto in the vicinity of Wentworth avenue and Twenty-ninth street. One ditto in the vicinity of South Dearborn and Thirty-seventh streets. One ditto Calumet avenue and Thirty-first street.

CHEMICAL ENGINES.

Second—That Chemical Engine Companies No. 3, 2, and 5 be located as follows: One with the new hook-and-ladder company in the vicinity of North LaSalle and Oak streets; one in the vicinity of Indiana and Douglas avenues, and one with the new hook-and-ladder company in the vicinity of Calumet and Thirty-first street.

Third—That Engine Company No. 5 be moved to the vicinity of West Polk and Canal streets; that hook-and-ladder company No. 5 be moved to the vicinity of Blue Island avenue and Throop street; that hook-and-ladder companies 3 and 2 be equipped as first-class companies.

FUEL DEPOTS.

Fourth—That fuel-depots be established as follows: One in the quarters vacated by Hook-and-Ladder Company No. 5, and one in quarters vacated by Engine Company No. 5. One in the quarters of Engine 15 on on Twenty-second. On at Engine 6 on Canal. One at Engine 12 on West Lake. One at Engine 3 on West Chicago avenue. One at Hook-and-Ladder 4 on East Twenty-second. One at the engine-house recommended corner Illinois and North Franklin. One at the engine-house recommended corner Division and Larrabee.

Fifth—That all the engine companies be furnished with one-horse, four-wheeled tenders, and be equipped with hose, pipes, nozzles, relief-valves, etc., as previously recommended.

Sixth—That the six first-class Amoskeag engines now in service be replaced with second-class engines of the improved model, same manufacture, or others having that capacity and equally reliable, thereby enabling you to dispense with all four-horse teams in ordinary service. The six first-class engines to form a reserve, one of them to be housed in each of the battalion districts to be hereafter designated.

HOOK-AND-LADDER COMPANIES.

Seventh—That the first-class hook-and-ladder companies be furnished and equipped as recommended for the companies in the wholesale district, and the second-class hook-and-ladder companies the same, except extension ladders and battering-rams.

Eighth—That hose-reels with 500 feet of hose, and controlling-nozzles on two-wheel jumpers be furnished the hook-and-ladder companies located in the vicinity of North LaSalle and Oak streets, Ashland avenue and West Clybourn, Division and Noble streets, Hubbard and Ferdinand streets, Monroe and Winchester avenue, Randolph and Carpenter streets, Sixteenth and Jefferson streets, Blue Island avenue and Throop street, and South Dearborn and Fifteenth streets.

Ninth—That each company in the Department be furnished with at least one portable fire-extinguisher for service in the immediate neighborhood of its quarters.

THE FORCE.

Tenth—That all the first-class and second-class steam-engine companies be composed of one Foreman, or Captain; one Assistant-Foreman, or Lieutenant; an Engineer, Assistant-Engineer, and eight firemen, or privates. The third-class engine-companies, the same officers and engineers and six firemen or privates. The first-class hook-and-ladder companies, of one Foreman or Captain, one Assistant-Foreman or Lieutenant, and eight firemen or privates. The second class hook-and-ladder companies, the same officers, and six firemen or privates, except where such companies are quartered in buildings having lookouts, in which case they should have eight firemen or privates, same as first-class companies. The chemical engine companies, of one Assistant-Foremen or Lieutenant, and four firemen or privates. The appointments in this branch of the public service (Fire Department) should be confined as far as possible to young men from 21 to 30 years of age, selected from among the class of house-building mechanics, machinists, and those accustomed to the handling of horses, and each instructed in and required to perform the duties of every position in the companies to which they are assigned,—company commanders making the orders of details to service within their respective companies.

The location of the new steam-engine companies are indicated on the map accompanying by a red cross. Those of the new sites for the chemical engines by a double cross of red and green. Those of the hook-and-ladder companies by a blue cross, and those of the fuel-depots by two black parallel marks. The red lines within the blue indicate the boundary of what is known as the river district, within the limits of which are located most of the elevators, planing-mills, distilleries, factories, etc., which require extra precaution against fires, and extra facilities for fire-extinguishing. These extra facilities were suggested in my communication of the 24th inst. The blue lines indicate the boundary of the thickly-settled portion of the city, which covers an area including the wholesale district of about 17 square miles, which, with a belt of land on the west side of it containing about 7 square miles, this plan of reorganization, it is proposed, shall cover and protect.

The minimum numbers of companies and men are given which is believed necessary to insure security against large fires, and, to be effective and reliable, they must be well officered, instructed, and disciplined. The plan for organizing the companies into battalions, and subdividing the city into battalion districts, each to be placed in charge of an Assistant Fire Marshal or Chief of Battalion, will be furnished, with recommendations relating to the fire-alarm telegraph. Very respectfully, yours,

ALEXANDER SHALER,
Consulting Engineer to Board of Police and Fire Commissioners.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

MEETING OF THE BOARD.

The Church-Extension Board of the Methodist denomination held a meeting last evening in the Methodist Church Block. The Rev. Mr. Felton occupied the chair. The attendance was very limited.

The Rev. Mr. Jutkins asked if it would not be well to have reports from the officers as to the past of the Society and its hopes for the future. He made a motion embodying this view, and it was carried.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mr. Jutkins, as Corresponding Secretary, then reported, and the following is a summary of what he said: All the churches in the city are loyal to the Society; the church has not lost a position since the Great Fire; two churches have been built, and three Sunday-schools again afford points of religious interest since the fire. The new churches were the Fulton street and that church at Brighton, there being a debt on the latter building of $3,300. This Society ought to appropriate a sum in part payment of the debt. The Jackson Street Mission branch of Western Avenue Church was an attempt to keep up the Sunday-school of the church. The Dixon Street Church members were poor, and the interest on a debt of $600 they could not pay. The Halsted Street Church called for aid; its Sunday-school was the largest in the city. There was a debt on it of $1,700, which prevented the proposed extension and enlargement of the church.

On motion, it was ordered that the report be printed and circulated among the churches of the city.

The Rev. Mr. Jutkins thought the ministry were to blame for the apparent apathy that existed in some churches. He did not think that a minister should confine his whole time and attention and give all his interest to the church of which he was pastor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. S. A. Keene, Treasurer of the Board, presented the following report:

Total receipts from June 1 to Nov. 30, 1874....$742.35
Disbursements from June 1 until Nov. 30, 1874. 712.65

Credit balance.....$ 29.70

WAYS AND MEANS.

A. R. Scranton, of the Committee on Ways and Means, had no report to make. He would remark that the report of the Treasurer did not cover the whole ground, inasmuch as there was no mention of the appropriations made to the Reaperville Church.

The Rev. Mr. Jutkins made an explanation to the satisfaction of the meeting. Nevertheless, the report of the Treasurer was recommitted to him for completion.

THE VISITING COMMITTEE.

The Rev. Mr. Felton, of the Visiting Committee, reported that he had visited two schools—the Jackson Street and Reaperville. He had no special suggestions to make, but he thought a small appropriation ought to be made to the Jackson-Street School. It was a nucleus for a school and church.

APPORTIONMENTS.

The Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means reported the following recommendations of apportionment for the current conference year: Ada Street Church, $25; Western Avenue, $150; Evanston, $250; Wabash Avenue, $100; Clark Street, $180; Trinity, $300; Michigan Avenue, $100; Oakland, $30; Grace Church, $100; Grant Place, $35; Centenary, $400; Park Avenue, $100; Fulton Street, $20; St. Paul's, $10; Simpson Church, $50; total, $1,720. This sum to be appropriated as follows, pro rata: To Brighton, $500; Halsted Street, $500; Reaperville, $240; Jackson Street, $50; Kossuth Street, $300.

The Rev. Mr. Scheppard protested against the assessment on the Western Avenue Church as being excessive.

Mr. Keane thought the apportionment was too little. He thought that $2,500 could be raised as easily as $1,700.

Mr. Harvey and Mr. Scranton were opposed to the increase. They were of the opinion that a great revival in the hearts of the preachers was necessary before the $1,700 could be raised. Much difficulty was experienced last year in raising the sum assessed because the preachers were the chief in their duty.

The Secretary moved that the whole matter be laid on the table. He thought it was premature to speak about assessments for next year, especially as new officers had to be elected.

The Rev. Mr. Jutkins condemned the attack on the preachers. He thought there were two sides to the question. If the people were anxious or desirous to give, he had no doubt the preachers would receive.

The motion to lay on the table was lost. The amendment to increase the apportionment to $2,500 was put and lost.

On motion $50 was stricken from the assessment of Western Avenue Church.

The report of the Committee on Ways and Means, as amended, was then adopted.

Mr. Scranton moved that the unpaid appropriation to State street be added to those made this evening, and all other appropriations of last year be canceled. The motion was adopted.

Mr. Scranton said he must

SPEAK HIS MIND.

It was absolutely shameful to notice the indifference with which the preachers regarded the work of this Society. They seldom or never come to the meetings. A few are regular. But the bulk of them stayed away, as if they had no interest in the affairs of the Society.

A "Committee of Enthusiasm," as it was called, was appointed, consisting of three laymen, to visit the several churches and talk up the church extension interests in conjunction with the pastors.

OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers for the current conference year: President, the Hon. Grant Goodrich; First Vice-President, the Rev. John Williamson; Second Vice-President, William D. Smith; Recording Secretary, O. R. Brouse; Treasurer, S. A. Keene. Locating Committee—The Rev. A. J. Jutkins, C. G. Goodrich, P. Myers, the Rev. M. M. Parkhurst, Charles Busby, O. Huse, William P. Moss, O. R. Rouse, the Rev. Robert Sheppard. Ways and Means Committee—A. R. Scranton, J. S. Harvey, F. E. Bradley, B. J. Hitchcock, and N. H. Axtell.

The Board adjourned.

THE FIRST REGIMENT.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION.

The First Regiment Illinois State Guard held their first annual meeting last night in their new armory at Nos. 112, 114, and 116 Lake street. The armory consists of the second, third, and fourth floors of the building, which are commodious, well lighted, and especially adapted for the purpose for which the regiment has secured them. The first floor presented an army-like appearance under the supervision of the efficient Regimental Quartermaster, Lieut. Charles H. Gillespie, who has caused to be partitioned off from the main armory two rooms in front on the first floor,—one for the field officers and staff, the other for the company officers. These rooms are to the right and left of the main hall, leaving two windows in the front of the armory and between the rooms, which are tastefully decorated with the national colors, surmounted by the motto "Labore et Honore"—Labor and Honor. Quartermaster Gillespie displayed his usual good judgment in the arrangement and decorations of the armory.

The meeting was called to order at 9 o'clock by Lieut.-Col. Sherman, the commanding officer. The Secretary, Lieut. Charles S. Diehl, read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were adopted. The Finance Committee reported cash on hand, $170.

EXPENSES.

Maj. Hubbard, from the Board of Ministration, reported that the expenses in connection with the rent-ing of the armory were $225 per month for rental, $1 per month for heating, and $30 per month for janitor. Maj. Hubbard further reported that the Ellsworth Zouaves had made application for admission to the regimental organization; they retaining their organization, but assuming their position in the line of the regiment. Lieut. Boynton offered a resolution, which was adopted, to the effect that the body known as the Ellsworth Zouaves be admitted into the regiment and lettered accordingly, and known as Company G.

COMPANY ELECTIONS.

The companies, during the evening and prior to the convening of the regimental meeting, had held an election of officers, and when called upon for the result reported as follows:

Company A—Captain, A. M. Ferris; First Lieutenant, C. Jernegan; Second Lieutenant, Charles S. Diehl.

Company B—Captain, E. B. Knox; First Lieutenant, W. W. Bishop; Second Lieutenant, H. S. Bowler.

Company C—Captain, M. B. Carpenter; First Lieutenant, P. B. Davis; Second Lieutenant, J. B. Bangs.

Company D—Captain, J. M. Hawley; First Lieutenant, William Dickenson; Second Lieutenant, F. P. Dix.

Company E—Captain, H. O. Collins; First Lieutenant, Samuel Appleton; Second Lieutenant, Gilbert M. Holmes.

Company F—Captain, William Black; First Lieutenant, Robert S. Lewis; Second Lieutenant, William P. Gunthrop.

After the report of the election of company officers had been received, the President announced the next business in order was the

ELECTION OF COMPANY OFFICERS

for the ensuing year.

Before going into the election of officers, Lieut.-Col. Sherman announced that his private business affairs would not permit of his giving the time to the regiment that the position of commanding officer would necessarily require; hence he would be obliged to decline a re-election as their Commandant. He thanked the regiment for the honor they had heretofore conferred upon him.

Adjt. James H. Haynie announced that he would be compelled to tender his resignation as the Adjutant of the regiment.

The election of officers then proceeded, with the following result: Lieutenant-Colonel, Gen. A. C. McClurg; Major, G. S. Hubbard.

Civic Organization—President, Capt. M. P. Carpenter; Treasurer, Hon. W. F. Coolbaugh; Secretary, Charles S. Diehl.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

Capt. Carpenter, of Company C, then offered a resolution, which was adopted, thanking Gen. Sherman for what he had done for the regiment.

Another officer offered a resolution complimentary to Mr. Haynie, and another, of similar character, with reference to Quartermaster Gillespie—all of the resolutions being adopted.

INSTALLATIONS.

A committee was appointed to conduct Capt. Carpenter, the President-elect to the chair. He was received by Col. Sherman, who, on retiring, again renewed his thanks to the command for the many courtesies he had received at their hands.

PRESENTATION.

Company C then met in the club-rooms of the Tremont House, where Comrade Miller, on behalf of the company, in a neat and appropriate speech, presented their Captain, M. B. Carpenter, with an elegant sword and belt.

THE ALLEGED ABORTION CASE.

EXAMINATION OF THE CORONER'S JURY.

Coroner Stephens commenced an inquest yesterday morning over the remains of Mrs. Dix, at No. 250 West Randolph street, who, it is claimed, died from the effects of an abortion produced by one Dr. Aiken, who is now under arrest. The evidence elicited during the day did not even show that an abortion had been committed. The post-mortem examination by Dr. Henrotin, County Physician, did show that the patient suffered from a uterine difficulty, and the testimony of other physicians was to the effect that the deceased came to her death from blood-poisoning, or septicemia. Several of the medical fraternity were examined on this point, but all were of the same opinion. The following is the official report of Dr. Henrotin, who held the post-mortem:

"I have just completed a post-mortem examination of the body of Mrs. Dix, at No. 250 Randolph, Drs. Fleming and Van Buren present. The lungs, heart, liver, kidneys, spleen, and stomach healthy. The peritoneum above the pelvis was only slightly inflamed. The uterus was slightly inflamed; it was quite large, having evidently passed through very severe inflammation, which extended to the pelvic tissues and contiguous peritoneum. The pelvis was filled with unhealthy, gangrenous pus or matter, and the inflammation of the uterus or womb was so excessive as to have produced gangrene of its walls. These were of a black, liver-like appearance, from the blood extravasated. The womb was enlarged to correspond to a three-months' pregnancy, and it is my opinion, from the length and development of its neck, and the size of its cavity, and roughened appearance of the mucous lining, that it had lately contained a fetus. The cavity of the uterus was filled with gangrenous matter, mostly fibrinous in character. The lining had the same gangrenous appearance; was very much roughened, and broken up to the extent that no superficial wounds would have been discernible. On the lining of the vagina there was no appearance of violence. The external os-uteri or entrance to the womb, was somewhat rough but presented no marks of the application of instruments. I examined also several lumps that had been expelled from the womb before death, and think they were only fibrinous decomposed clots of blood, and were not any portion of a fœtus. The cause of death was metritis, with pelvic peritonitis. There was nothing in the post-mortem appearance to indicate that instruments had been used, and yet it is my opinion that such violent inflammations of the womb with gangrene are almost always the result of violence, whether with instruments or with the hand. This, however, is only an opinion of mine. A woman might possibly succeed in introducing an instrument forcibly into the womb without leaving any mark and produce this condition of affairs, but it is entirely improbable that she would succeed, the opening into the womb being so small and situated so high as to be reached with the greatest difficulty by herself. I positively do not believe that any medicine could produce such results."

In the post-mortem examination there were no traces of the use of instruments of any kind. The testimony of to-day may, however, change the situation of the whole case. If it does not, it is believed that Dr. Aiken cannot fail to be honorably acquitted.

SUICIDE IN A HOTEL.

EXAMINATION OF THE CASE BY THE CORONER.

A deliberate suicide was committed yesterday afternoon about 1 o'clock by a young man named S. C. Robinson, in his room at the Grand Pacific Hotel. Deceased was discovered dead in bed by a chambermaid. His limbs were distorted and contracted, showing plainly that some deadly poison had caused his death. Deputy-Coroner Pilgrim was notified, and held an inquest shortly afterward. The effects of deceased were examined, but there was nothing in them to indicate the cause of the rash act. It was learned that he had arisen in the morning and gone into the drug-store of Dr. Stoddard, in the hotel building, and purchased twenty grains of strychnine, crystals of which were found in a glass on the table, and on the lips of deceased.

John Hall, the drug-clerk, was summoned before the jury, and testified that Robinson had called at the store and asked for strychnine.

The witness inquired what he wanted it for, and Robinson said he was going to dissolve it in some water and use it to kill a dog. Witness then placed 20 grains of the deadly drug in a small piece of paper, and wrapped it up. He was about to label it, when deceased told him he need not do so, as he was going to use it right away. On being questioned by jurors, Hall stated that he knew strychnine would not dissolve in water, and that deceased seemed perfectly rational when he came into the store.

Dr. Henrotin, the County Physician, testified that there was no doubt but that deceased committed suicide by taking the strychnine, and incidentally remarked that the indiscriminate sale of poisons in the manner described above was criminally reprehensible, and he should use every means in his power to prosecute the party who was guilty of such gross neglect in the case under inquest.

Coroner-elect Dietzsch, who is an old chemist, and was a juror in the case, stated that strychnine would not dissolve in water, and asked Hall if he did not know that fact. The latter replied that he did, but still he did not tell Robinson. He made the remark about dissolving the poison in water. He also asked Hall if he knew how many dogs twenty grains of strychnine would kill, and he answered, "Five or six." Mr. Dietzsch stated that one-eighth of a grain would kill a man, and that twenty grains were enough to kill a hundred dogs.

George H. Fassett, chief clerk of the hotel, stated that he saw deceased in the office about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, and he appeared well and rational. He made some remark about selling cows to Mr. Fairbank. He had been in the house since Nov. 22, and witness had not noticed anything strange or unusual in his manner. Witness had been notified by a chambermaid of deceased's death, and took charge of his effects.

The jury rendered a verdict to the effect that deceased came to his death from an overdose of strychnine, administered by his own hand.

Robinson was a member of the firm of C. H. Benedict & Co., commission merchants and wholesale dealers in flour and provisions, at No. 86 Broad street, New York City, and gave evidence, in his manner and bearing, of a man who was in comfortable circumstances and of the most respectable connections. He was also about 27 years. His partner in New York was telegraphed the sad intelligence, and replied immediately that deceased should be placed in a casket and sent to his friends at once. The remains will be forwarded to-day.

REFUSED TO NIBBLE.

A SENSIBLE BUNKO MAN.

As surely as the burned child dreads the fire, so surely the once bunkoed Cincinnatian is the last man in the world to allow the flashily-jeweled but fascinating confidence man to get him a second time in his toils. Some three months since a Mr. H. Meiser, the engineer of the Ætna Insurance Company of Cincinnati, came to Chicago to do a little business and see a great deal of life. He brought money in his pockets, as all country people should do when they come to Chicago, and walked round town to see the sights. While engaged in this pleasant amusement, a gentlemanly young man accosted him, introducing himself as a son of the Cincinnati banker, Fest-r. The insurance engineer cottoned to the description of aristocratic fellow-townsman, and over a bottle of wine the pair talked about the Cincinnati people they knew, and the people they did not know, when suddenly the banker's son proposed a game of "draw" for the drinks, as Mr. Meiser put it, they throw "dices." Without considering fully into the rest of the story, it will be sufficient to say that Meiser had lost just $60 when his tony fellow-townsman suddenly pleaded an urgent business engagement, and departed. Mr. Meiser then went back to Cincinnati a sadder and a wiser man. He returned to Chicago yesterday morning, and had hardly been in the city an hour before a seal-coated gentleman introduced himself as a son of the banker Clarke, of Cincinnati, and requested a wish to induct Mr. Meiser into the mystery of the Havana Lottery. Mr. Meiser was not to be caught twice with such poor bait, however; so he pleaded an appointment with his banker, from whom he was to receive $500, and made an engagement to meet the banker's son at the Coroner-elect's beer-saloon on Washington street, at noon. In the meantime he engaged a private detective to follow the movements of the man when he arrived, and arrest him as soon as he gave evidence of a swindling intent. Noon arrived; so did 1 o'clock; so did 2 o'clock; but Clarke, Jr., the Cincinnati banker's son, did not. As Mr. Meiser forcibly put it, "It vos blain dat he schmelled somethings wrong, or else he vud comes." The Cincinnati engineer has not yet got equal with his Chicago confidence man, and it is quite doubtful whether he ever will, as the latter never plies his art when there is the least suspicion of detection.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Young Men's Christian Association received 111 new members during the month of November.

Yesterday's temperature ranged from 18 deg. above zero at 8 a. m., to 29 above at 8 p. m.

A State street sign reads thus: "Plumbing Work Done Here. Lead Sinks, &c." As if everybody didn't know that!

The monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Home for the Friendless will be held at the Home at 10 o'clock this morning.

Edward Reardon was arrested last evening on complaint of Otto Moon, who alleged that he stole a quantity of cigars during the fire on Blue Island avenue yesterday afternoon.

"Elevators stews" is the latest for "oyster stews," introduced at a Clark street oyster-house by an untamed English waiter who bellowed to the man at the counter one night just after the theatres were out, "'Arf-a-dozen holsters—ror."

Mr. John J. Geraghty, "the St. Louis pedestrian," as he styles himself, is anxious to wager from $500 to $1,000 that he can walk from the other end of the bridge to Chicago in seventy-two hours; the walk to take place not later than three months from date.

"Is it true that since the introduction of lady-operators on your lines, there isn't so much vulgar talking talking over the wires?" asked a female suffragist of a W. U. official. "Yes, ma'am," he answered, "but the conversation makes up in length what it lacks in breadth."

At the temperance meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms last night, one of the recent brands from the burning stated that he had held ninety-three different situations, and lost them all through strong drink! It was time he changed over to unfermented liquids.

Andrew Kelley and W. F. Jackson, charged with robbing S. M. Crittenden, were on trial in the Criminal Court yesterday, but, owing to the conflicting statements of the prosecuting witness, no case was made out, and by direction of the Court the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty."

Col. Cleary tells a good story on himself. He was approached, a day or two ago, by a seedy ward-bummer, after this fashion: "Are you running for Sheriff yet, Colonel? If you are, I think I know where to use $1,600 to advantage." The Colonel at once pulled out his wallet and—paid for two drinks.

A horse attached to a cutter ran away on West Madison street last night about 11 o'clock, on the vicinity of Throop street, and, after colliding with several vehicles and doing some damage, was stopped by Officer Scott at the viaduct. The cutter was broken to pieces. So far as could be learned no person was hurt. The animal was placed in a stable to await the owner's call.

German and English-speaking dogs who kennel in the neighborhood of the Water-Works are paid a high compliment for their intelligence by the Chief-Engineer, who has a notice in both languages posted on the doors, reading: "No dogs allowed in here." Of course the "Engineer" does not wish the notice to be understood as applying to any visitors, no matter how low-lived.

The West Side conductors are of opinion that the introduction of twenty-five-ride tickets has been compassed rather on their account than on that of the opposition busses. "But, holy smoke!" said one gentleman of the punch, "it don't hurt us a cent. Before you had to turn in a ticket or a nickel for every passenger, but now who is to know how many of 'em on a big load have tickets and how many haven't? San-gay-mon street!"

The fact has just penetrated the switch, frisettes, puffs, rats, mice, and braid of the average woman, that there has been a reduction of fares on the West Division cars. Accordingly she persists in tendering the conductor 4 cents. What difference can it make to you, you stupid man," said one yesterday, "I'm sure I'm going to ride more than twenty-five times in my life, and so I don't see that it isn't the same as buying a ticket."

One of the rampant ex-Samaritans, so unceremoniously kicked out of the Society the other day, and who have wailed their woes to every ear that could be induced to listen, was thus satirically complimented on her conduct by her grown-up son: "Go ahead, mother; you're doing well. Only get a little hotter, and, at the rate you're now going, any of your children can commit murder with absolute certainty of acquittal on the ground of hereditary insanity."

Philip Cullen, the absconding bookkeeper who was indicted for the embezzlement of $20,000 from J. J. McGrath, in whose employ he has been for the past twelve years,—the particulars of which crime the public are familiar with,—arrived in the city yesterday in the custody of Detective Gray, of the Pinkerton force. The prisoner was committed to the County Jail, and declined to see or converse with any one except his attorneys.

Hereafter, when Sophia Lichtenheim has her pocket picked, she will probably not mention it except to her most intimate friends. She lost her wallet and $10 by means of the nimble fingers of William Jones, in a Cottage Grove avenue car, and, the thief being detected and taken to the Armory, the lady had to go along too; and, in spite of her promises to be on hand next morning, she was kept over night at the station-house. The fact that the thief was held for trial is melancholy consolation, for she is sure she has suffered more than he will be likely to. It was certainly a case of great hardship, and one which calls for some remedy.

An accomplished and elegantly-attired young married woman, a Mrs. Coffey, of Pekin, Ill., was prevented from throwing herself into the lake, at the foot of Jackson street, yesterday afternoon, by a railroad brakeman, who observed her acting in a rather strange and suspicious manner. He took her in charge, and placed her in the care of Officers Crow and Dunton, who went with her to the Matteson House, where she has been stopping with a little son since October. She refused to give any reason whatever for the attempt to take her life. She was seen to leave the hotel about 3 o'clock, and take a carriage at the ladies' entrance, but it was not supposed that she had any intention of committing suicide.

Vanderburg's notorious saloon, at No. 19 West Randolph street, was the scene of another robbery and a fight, last night about 9 o'clock. Officer Degroot saw the intruder, Shang Noyes, and two other ruffians, "hold up" a man in the saloon, and when about to rifle his pockets he came in upon them, in company with Patrolman Dier and Shepard. A sharp struggle ensued, and the officers succeeded in getting the parties under arrest. Dier and Shepard took three of them, and Degroot had Noyes in charge. Before reaching Canal street, however, Shang broke away, and Degroot was struck on the back of the head by some ruffian who was following him. Noyes ran north on Canal street, and Degroot fired two shots at him, when the officer slipped and fell heavily to the walk. The fugitive succeeded in escaping through the lumber-yard near Lake street. It is not known whether the shots took effect or not. The names of the other parties, as given at Madison-Street Station, are William Ferguson, John Connors, and James Gallagher.

NOBODY READY.

Mike McDonald was not ready for trial yesterday in the Criminal Court on the charge of an assault with intent to kill James McGarry. His newly-engaged counsel, Robert Hervey, having presided at the St. Andrew's banquet the night before, was not prepared to go on with the case. Mr. Birch, the State's Attorney's assistant, was not ready, Mr. Reed being absent. The only one who seemed to be ready was Mr. McGarry, who stated that he had engaged Mr. W. W. O'Brien, of Peoria, to assist in the prosecution. The Court was opposed to putting the case over, but consented to defer it until to-day, when Mr. O'Brien will be heard from, and McDonald's counsel will have enjoyed a needed night's rest.

ETERNAL VACCINATION IS THE PRICE OF IMMUNITY.

To the Tribune:

The Board of Health desire to call the attention of the citizens of Chicago to the immunity that we have had from small-pox for the past year, and would impress upon them that the immunity has been purchased by careful vaccination and isolation. The small-pox is epidemic in several cities in direct communication with Chicago, and we think great care must be exercised or the disease will again obtain a foothold here and probably become epidemic.

We would therefore ask all physicians and citizens to urge revaccination of all persons not properly protected. By heeding this suggestion no doubt much suffering and many lives will be saved. At present we are almost free from the disease and we desire that the city remain always as free as now. But to do so the Health Department must have the co-operation of the medical profession and citizens. By order of the Board of Health,

BEN. C. MILLER, Sanitary Superintendent.

THE CORNELL WATCH COMPANY.

There appears to have occurred some misunderstanding in regard to the Cornell Watch Company, formerly of Chicago, but now of San Francisco. The Company has not disbanded, but, having reorganized on a gold basis, has removed its place of manufacture. It has not even left the Chicago market, but its office is now permanently located at Room No. 8 TRIBUNE Building, as will be seen by the advertisement in another column. Some financial capitalists of California have taken large interests in this reorganization; the Company will have extra advantages of cheap labor, an unvarnished climate, and increased facilities, having lately added a watch-case factory with a capacity to turn out cases for all their watches. That far-west country of the setting sun is not in the habit of fostering dwarfs, and this Company is expected to successfully equal some of her gigantic enterprises. Its energetic and enterprising President, Paul Cornell, Esq., goes with its other machinery, and will continue to superintend its operations, making California his winter residence. We cannot spare him entirely, remembering that he is one of Hyde Park and Cornell, our thriving and ambitious suburbs, and has left his marked influence on our great South Parks and boulevards, the Hyde Park Water-Works, Gas-Works, and her splendid driveways. Nor will Cornell Station feel any blight from the removal of machinery, for the splendid buildings formerly occupied by the Watch Company still remain, and arrangements are in progress to fill them with a first-class manufactory, and also to add other kindred establishments close at hand.

THE CITY OFFICES.

The Water Department yesterday received $6,000; the City Collector $915 on city taxes.

It cost the city $2,979.13 to pump the water used during the month of November.

The City Treasurer yesterday received $10,000 on water taxes, and $315 on city taxes. He paid out to city employes $10,000.

The last meeting of the Committee on Public Buildings will take place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the City Clerk's office.

During the month of November the Water Department received $100,330 on water-taxes. The tapping clerk exhibits a report showing 202 one-half-inch taps, 67 five-eighth-inch taps, 23 three-fourth-inch taps, and 18 one-inch taps.

Thomas Tilley, the successful competitor in the contest of drafting plans of the proposed new Court-House, was yesterday around the City-Hall looking over all the legislation in the matter, with a view of ascertaining what his chances are in obtaining the supervision of its construction.

The Union National Bank yesterday paid in the magnificent sum of $18,000 as personal taxes for 1873. The deputies of the City Collector, by strict and prompt collections, have reduced the number of delinquent banks to three. So far, there has been but little trouble in making the collection, and in the few cases where any trouble has occurred it has been easily smoothed out by a little moral suasion on the part of the collectors.

The City Clerk, his deputies, and a majority of the Aldermen, think that Ald. Campbell's minority report on the Citizens' Association wrongfully charged them with misdemeanors of which they were not guilty. The petition was not left lying around loose in the office, but was kept locked up in the vault connected with it. One afternoon it was brought out and was left lying for about half an hour on a table while some of the Aldermen and others were looking it over. It was soon after taken to Ald. Richardson's office, where it was again looked up. Had the two Aldermen who signed that report looked at the petition and inspected it thoroughly, as they should have done, they would have found that queer names are scattered here and there all through it. Besides, the sheets, on which a great number of curious names occur, were numbered on the top in blue pencil by the person who made the original count. Any one inspecting the petition will see at a glance that the Aldermen's insinuations are entirely groundless. All through the petition one may see the signatures of innumerable Terre Haute-ntots, Oshkoshians, Hubbites, and any number from other cities. Some of the sheets must have been used as hotel registers.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Health took place yesterday afternoon, in their rooms, all the members being present. The Sanitary Superintendent's report shows that the number of deaths for the week ending Nov. 28 amounted to 122, being an increase of 27 over those of the preceding week. Of these, there were 65 males and 57 females; 47 married and 75 unmarried; 120 white and 2 colored, distributed in the various city wards as follows: First, 7; Second, —; Third, —; Fourth, 2; Fifth, 3; Sixth, 17; Seventh, 11; Eighth, 7; Ninth, 11; Tenth, 2; Eleventh, —; Twelfth, 4; Thirteenth, 5; Fourteenth, 2; Fifteenth, 18; Sixteenth, 10; Seventeenth, 5; Eighteenth, 3; Nineteenth, 2; Twentieth, 2. Accidents, 4; at Alexian Brothers' Hospital, 1; at County Hospital, 2; at St. Luke's Hospital, 1; at Women and Children's Hospital, 1; at Foundlings' Home, 4. Total, 122.

The Health Officer's report shows that during the week seventy-two nuisances were abated, and five sewer connections made. The Board strenuously protest against allowing the Chicago & Southern Railway to enter the hospital grounds. No business of any importance besides the above protest was transacted.

THE WATER-WORKS.

The Engineers' Committee of the Citizens' Association met with the Board of Public Works, Mayor Colvin, City-Engineer Chesbrough, and Mr. E. P. Derickson in the rooms of the Board yesterday morning. The Committee submitted the following requests, which the Board promised to follow up and complete as soon as possible, in order to allow the Committee to get to work:

"*E. Prindeville, Esq., President Board of Public Works:*

"DEAR SIR: The Committee of Engineers appointed by the Citizens' Association to examine and test the pumping engines of the Water-Works herewith inclose a copy of their instructions under which they are requested to proceed. The Committee desire to proceed with the work assigned them as speedily as possible, and respectfully request the Board of Public Works to instruct its officers to assist the Committee by making preparations and furnishing apparatus, as follows:

"*First*—To construct in the well of the south engines a suitable bulkhead and weir for the purpose of determining the capacity of the engines and pumps.

"*Second*—To furnish and put up a suitable tank for storing feed-water for the boiler-supply, as well as a suitable measuring-tank, for the purpose of measuring the feed-water in the boilers.

"*Third*—To furnish suitable platform-scales, on wheels or truck, and coal-hopper, for the purpose of weighing the coal consumption.

"*Fourth*—Furnish three Richards Steam-Engine Indicators, and also to have the steam, vacuum, and water-pressure gauges now used tested and sealed by the Government Inspector for Boilers and Steamboat Machinery for this port.

"*Fifth*—And to furnish such additional fixtures and preparations as may from time to time be found necessary. The Engineer Committee are authorized to say that whatever expense the Board of Public Works may incur for complying with this request, the Citizens' Association will pay upon the presentation of their bill of cost approved by this Committee.

"Very respectfully,
"MOSES LANE,
"CHARLES HERMANY,
"L. TILTON,
"H. WARRINGTON."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

B. F. Jacobs will speak in Farwell Hall next Sunday evening.

There will be a prayer meeting to-night in the Michigan Southern depot, under the auspices of the Railway Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The Chicago Photographic Association will meet this evening at No. 158 State street.

A meeting of "believers" is announced for this afternoon at 2:30, at the Foundlings' Home. Subject: "The Christian's Victory.